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Taft in the Race to Stay.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—President Taft is in the race to stay. That he will be renominated without serious opposition, at the Chicago convention seems to be the conclusion reached by the political wiseacres hereabouts.

It is an unwritten law that a President who "makes good" is entitled to a second chance as the standard-bearer of his party. Nn one has advanced any convincing reason why this honor should be denied the present chief executive. He has given the country a clean administration. It has been progressive, safe and patriotic. The people of all classes are prosperous. Business is on a sound bassis. Evilsthat naturally crop out in all big concerns are being constantly exposed and promptly eliminated. Laboring men, professional men and capitalists are enjoying the best years of their lives. The Negro, in common with the rest of his fellow-Americans, is making steady advancement, and will join with the best-thinking elements of the nation in assuring a continuation of this happy state of affairs by keeping the Taft administration in poyer for another four years. Such is the opinion voiced on the public highways and in the shops, where the masses are wont to talk "politics."

A Study of the "Real Taft."

Said a well-known political leader to your correspondent a few days ago, discussing the situation:

"There is no longer any doubt that William Howard Taft will be the nominee of the Chicago convention next June. The Republican party is committed to his constructive policies. He has kept closely in touch with the strong Republican leaders in all of the states, and will have their enthusiastic support. He has not been sensational nor spectacular as a President, but he has been safe—whieh is all the more to his credit. He is fairly entitled to a vote of confidence and approval at the hands of the American people, whose welfare he has looked after with assiduous care and with rare judgment.

"The colored people have every reason to feel grateful to the President. He has given evidence of a hearty sympathy with their efforts toward self-advancement. He has taken a positive stand for the education of the race along every line, and is especially anxious that there shall be friendly relations between the whites and blacks in every section of the country. He has named high-grade and splendidly-equipped Negroes for the highest offices in the land, and has opened up places of dignity and influence heretofore inaccessible to men of our race. He has spoken out fearlessly against disfranchisement on account of color, and has sturdily opposed violations of the federal constitution growing out of racial prejudices. His generous and statesman-like treatment of the Liberian situation; his cordial support of the Negro exposition project, inaugurated by the National Negro Business League to indicate the progress of the race since emancipation; and his repeated recommendation that the depositors of the Freedmen's Bank be paid by the government, are a few of the concrete evidences of his practical friendship for the Negro citizens of the Republic. It is a fact worthy of note that Mr. Taft has addressed more Negro schools and spoken to more Negro gatherings than any previous President. It was through his good offices that the Washington colored Y. M. C. A. was included in the list of those eligible to receive the benefaction of $25,000, offered by Mr. Julius Rosenwald, the Chicago merchant-philanthropist.

"President Taft will be renominated. More than that, he will be re-elected. He will grow upon the country as his virtues are brought anew to the popular vision. He will likewise grow upon the Negroes as his record upon the race question is impartially reviewed and the real Taft is thrown upon the canvass. The Negro is naturally a Republican, for reasons that require no specific statement here. When comparisons between Republicanism and democracy are instituted, with reference to the attitude of each on the issues affecting the civic status of the black man, it does not require the are of a seer to determine where the intelligent Negro will cast his lot this year. The bulk of the Negro vote will be cast for William Howard Taft."

Taft's Renomination to Be "Clinched" by May 1.

According to reports that have gone out from political leaders, the renomination of President Taft will be "clinched" by May 1st. It is stated that Secretary Charles D. Hilles, who is in charge of the President's interests, has advised the holding of early conventions in the various states, and the practice of instructing all delegates for Taft will be pretty generally followed. With a clear majority of the delegates to the Chicago convention irrevocably committed to the Taft standard, the result can be easily foreseen for more than six weeks in advance of the meeting, and the party will approach the great pow-wow in united fashion. It is not expected that Col. Roosevelt will permit the presentation of his name as a candidate, and as a loyal Republican, there is every reason to believe that he will give the ticket his hearty support. Florida will lead off in naming Taft delegates, her state convention being set for February 6, at St. Augustine.

Mr. Hilles is handling the delicate situation with rare skill and finesse, and his political acumen is surprising the "old stagers," who imagined that the fine points of the managerial science had passed away with Mark Hanna and Matthew Stanley Quay. It is the general view that Mr. Hilles can be chairman of the national committee, if he is willing to undertake the burdens of the campaign.

Political Leaders Marking Time.

For the moment, the political leaders of the race are "marking time," awaiting the word of the party managers "higher up" to start the real work of the campaign. In all of the debatable states, the fellows in the trenches are ready to "get busy," and there is a general willingness to fall intoline behind the competent commanders that may be selected to map out the plan that is to be followed. It is not believed that there will be any material friction over the problem of "leadership." In the trying struggle that is coming, there will be ample work for all. There will be a plenty of glory for all. Office-holders, men who want no office, but who want a chance to earn a comfortable living in their life-callings, editors, business men, professional men, and everybody—even the women—will have a deffnite part in the great battle for Republican supremacy this fall. It is expected that there will be a central headquarters, where capable colored managers will work in harmony with the national committee. In each state there will be a central point, which will keep in close touch with the various county conditions. All will report daily to the chieftains to whom each factor is directly responsible, and nothing will be left undone to bring every vote into the ballot box in November. Compact organization, as indicated, with the details worked out by experienced and reliable men, cannot fail to yield the desired result.

Distinguished Visitors Come to the Capital.

Washington, always the Mecca of influential men of the nation, has been blessed during the past ten days with visits from an unusually large number of the forces that make things move throughout the race.

Mr. Emmett J. Scott, secretary to Dr. Booker T. Washington, and former Commissioner to Liberia, spent a day here, en route to New York City on an important mission, the nature of which he did not disclose. Mr. Scott spoke of the multitude of ambitious plans that Tuskegee Institute has on hand for the year that is no wbeginning. First, a vigorous effort is being made to raise $300,000 by June 1, toward the $3,000,000 endowment fund necessary to guarantee the running expenses of the school. The $300,000 instalment is to be raised in addition to the donations and receipts that must come to support the regular work at Tuskegee. The people of the country, colored and white, have absolute confidence in Dr. Washington and believe in the saving power of the training he is giving the young Negroes in his great industrial center. The board of trustees is made up of "live" men, and they, together with Dr. Washington and Mr. Scott, are of the opinion that the money asked for by June will be cheerfully and promptly given.

Another visitor, whose coming is always welcome, was Mr. Fred R. Moore, the hustling editor of the New York Age. He had lots of business to attend to, but took time to accept a few of the social courtesies that his host of friends insisted upon extending. Mr. Moore paid his respects to the White House and dropped in upon all of the principal office holders, not overlooking a tour of the Treasury, with which he was connected in a useful capacity many years ago.

A third visitor, who needs no introduction to a Washington audience, was Mr. A. E. Manning, editor of the Indianapolis World, who came on to perform his duties as official doorkeeper and courier of the Democratic national committee. It fell to his lot to supervise the recorating of the committee's assembly hall at The Shoreham, to assist Chairman Mack and Secretary Woodson, and to see that "none but the pure in heart" entered the sacred precincts of the council chamber when something of an executive character was being pulled off. Mr. Manning had the honor of being the bearer of Baltimore's certified check for the $100,000 that settled the seat of the next convention, turning over the precious slip of paper to Treasurer Herman Ridder, after it had been scanned by the eagle eye of Norman E. Mack. Mr. Manning was in touch with William Jennings Bryan, Senator John W. Kern, Governor Woodrow Wilson, Thomas Taggart and all of the Democratic magnates, and he will be entrusted with many of the details of the coming campaign, in its relation to the Negro voters in the doubtful states, particularly in Indiana and Illinois. While here, Mr. Manning was a guest at The Shoreham, but circulated as far as his time would permit, with numerous friends all over town. Mr. Manning decries the color-line in politics, and is popular with the broad-gauged representatives of all races and all political parties.

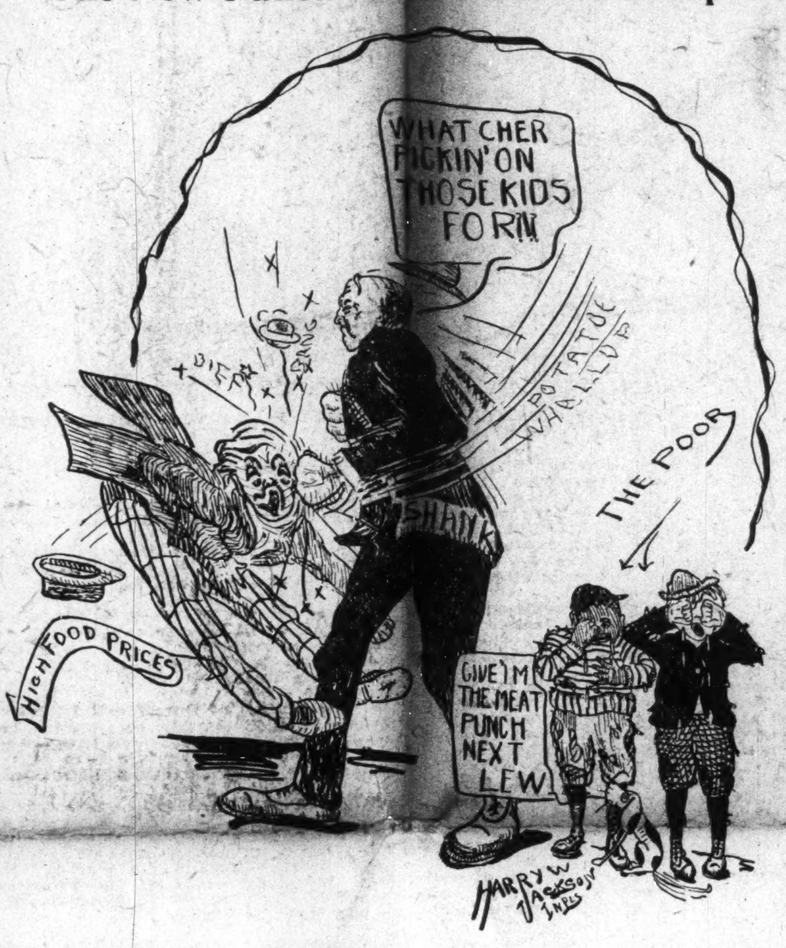
Bishop Alexander Walters, the beloved head of the Zion church in this district, spent Sunday here, and preached morning and evening at John Wesley church. One month ago the Bishop was presented with a massive silver loving cup by the citizens of Washington, as a token of the esteem in which the people of the capital hold him, and because of his eminent services in behalf of the uplift of his race.

Dr. Owen Meredith Waller, former rector of St. Luke's P. E. church, now practicing medicine in New York City, was the center of an admiring throng at his erstwhile scene of labor Sunday morning.

Census Clerks Take Up New Duties.

The sudden reduction in the force of temporary clerks in the Census Office caught a number of colored employes in the elimination net. Some were unprepared for the blow, but others had foreseen the approaching storm, and had fortified themselves against its ravages. Few will remain, hoping to "catch on" in other bureaus of the government, but the majority will leave for various sections of the country to take up the work for which they have been planning laboriously for many months. W. Preston Bayless, a writer of note, will launch a newspaper at Springfield, O., to be called The Forum. J. Sherman Hunnicutt, who understands other things besides music, has gone with his bride to his old home at Wilberforce, O., and will conduct a chicken farm. Miss Daisy Stewart, formerly of Indianapolis, Ind., after a visit to New York City, will return to Chicago, to re-engage in dressmaking. George C. Scarlett, of New York City, will practice law in Detroit, Mich. Eugene W. Harrison and Edward R. Dryver, of Arkansas, have been appointed to $660 places in the postoffice savings system of the Postoffice Department, as a result of a civil service examination. A number of the younger men, who have been quite prominent in society circles, will be missed at the hops and whist parties. On the whole, the census work, though temporary, has been of material benefit to the more serious-minded young men and women who have been brought here through its operations. Many of them, just out of school, have earned their first money here. They have gained experience in the ways of the world that will prove to be of inestimable value to them in after life, and a goodly group have laid the foundation of a professional or business career. The race everywhere will feel the helpful effect of the nearly two years that the educated young men and women have spent in the cosmopolitan, yet cultured, atmosphere of the nation's capital.

The New Punch--The Potato Whallop.



By the new Champion, Samuel Lewis Shank, Mayor of Indianapolis.

Dr. J. M. Conner for Bishop.

The friends of Dr. J. M. Conner have been busy in his behalf for several months, and are now confident that they have "lined up" a sufficient array of votes to elect him to the Bench of Bishops of the A. M. E. church at Kansas City next May. Already he has the regular endorsement of four large delegations, and more are to follow. He has the enthusiastic support of the great Southwest, which is a power in the General Conference. Besides the direct pledges he has received from all parts of the country, it is conceded that Dr. Conner is the second choice of 90 per cent. of the delegates that have other affiliations, and these, coming to him, after the complimentary first ballot, will assure his election, if perchance he should not lead on the first trial of strength. Although his election is practically conceded throughout the church, the sponsors of the eloquent Arkansan do not intend to relax their efforts. They will keep the walls high up, so to speak.

Dr. Conner is now the presiding elder of the Little Rock district of the A. M. E. church, and has pastored some of the largest and most influential congregations in the connection. He is intellectual, as well as forceful in the exposition of his gospel. He is a valued member of the financial board, and is president of the executive board of Shorter College. At Norfolk, in 1908, he ran next to the winning candidates for the ishopric, and it is the universal belief that with new friends added to his previous vote, he cannot be defeated this year. Not only is Dr. Conner a great preacher; he is an

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MT. VERNON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. G. H. Ewing has returned from St. Louis, Mo., where he attended the funeral of his father, Mr. Henry Ewing, who died January 5, 1912, at the age of 72 years. He leaves to mourn his death, a wife, Mrs. Susan Ewing, three daughters, Mrs. Cora Cox, MiFss Mattie Ewing, Mrs. Andrew White and infant daughter, two sons, Mr. Orvel Ewing, of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. G. H. Ewing, of Mt. Vernon, O. He had been a resident of St. Louis for over half a century, and was formerly a deacon of Central Baptist church, for eight years a member of Prince Hal Lodge, No. 1, A. F. A. M. He leaves a host of friends and relatives. Services from Central Baptist church. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.......Mr. Sam Payne was a visitor to Barnesville, O., January 14 and 15, and was the guest of Miss Vera Wooten......Mr. William Simmons, of Coshocton avenue, is laid up with sciatica rheumatism and unable to use his hands..Twenty Century Club was entertained by Mrs. Nannie Harris, at the residence of Mrs. Frank Stevens, on January 15, with a parliamentary drill, after which the hostess served luncheon ....Calvary Baptist church, Rev. A. A. Hampton, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor. Communion at 12:30. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Jas. Gilson, superintendent. A cordial invitation is extended to all...... Wayman Chapel A. M. E. church, Rev. John Coleman, pastor. Sunday school at 9 a. m., A. H. Simmons, superintendent. Preaching, 10:30 a. m., by pastor, subject, "Silent Forces in the Spiritual Life of the Church"; 7:30 p. m., "Decision of God." Endeavor meeting at 6 p. m. G. L. Simmons, leader.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Anderson Vactor, of Morrison avenue, and Mrs. Lemuel Stewart, of Burke street, are very ill....Mrs. Eliza Charleston, of Homestead, Pa., was called to the city on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Georgia Marks, of Griffith street....Mr. Coleman, of St. Louis, avenue, who has been the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Hawkins in Cleveland, for the past four weeks, will return home next week....Mrs. J. H. Stewart, of East Federal street, Mrs. Anderson Vactor, of Morrison avenue, Mrs. Julia Brown, of Decker street, Mrs. Adarrine Wyant, of Griffith street, and Mrs. Askins, of Hilker street, who have been on the sick list, are able to be about....Wm. Franklin is able to attend to his work..William Milton was very ill last week....Mr. Augustus Wolridge is on the sick list.... The Baptist Sunday school union will hold exercises in the Mahoning Avenue Baptist church Sunday afternoon, January 21, at 2 p. m.

BELOIT, WIS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Alice Reed is visiting with friends in Rockford, Ill., this week....Mrs. Clara Milan is very ill at her home in Saint Paul avenue. Others reported on the sick list are Mr. Jerry Huggard and Mrs. Harry Owens....Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shaw have returned from Des Moines, Ia., to again make their home in this city.. ..Mrs. Izonna Gales is visiting her grandmother in Lagrange, Mo., for a few weeks....Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones, of Beloit, Wis., gave a birthday dinner Sunday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Smith, of Janesville, Wis., and Mr. Everett, of Beloit. The evening was more than enjoyable....Henry Cowan, of Beloit, Wis., assistant steward of the Elks' Club, will leave for his home at Statesville, N. C., to visit his mother. He will return after touring the southern states, to Beloit.

MINEOLA, TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Frances Washington died January 9th. She was the mother of Mary Williams. Mary Williams was the wife of John Bivins a few years ago.....On January 13, three days later, Tom Williams died, after being ill over a year. News was sent to W. J. Orr, and he was on hand soon, and the members of the lodge gathered around and were busy doing their duty....Cider is a good drink, but I never did see an ax drawn on a man at a saloon....Mr. S. D. Harris, of Tyler, and his wife were here last week on account of the death of his sister, Frances Washington..Don't fail to subscribe for The Freeman....This year will be a busy year with everybody.

CURRENT NEWS OF CHICAGO

IMPORTANT MEETING HELD LAST SUNDAY

EIGHTH REGIMENT TO HAVE NEW HOME

Y. M. C. A. Subscriptions Coming in Rapidly—Anecreon Club to Give Leap Year Party—To Give Stag Party.

(By Cary B. Lewis.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 17.—Every indication points that the city of Chicago will be one of headquarters for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This was evidenced by a meeting Sunday night at the Hull House of some of the most representative citizens, colored and white, in the "Windy City."

Miss Jane Adams presided at the meeting and among those present were Dr. Charles Bentley, Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsey Davis, Dr. A. W. Williams, Mr. Robert Mc. Murtry, Judge Brown, Miss Overton, of New York City; Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett, Mr. Nathan Caldwell, Rev. A. J. Carey, Miss Garnetta Tibbs and several others.

Objects of Association.

The object of the meeting was to invite the National Association to Chicago, an organization composed of all races and classes who believe that all the present widespread increase of prejudice against colored races and particularly the denial of rights and opportunities of ten million American of Negro descent is not only unjust and a menace to our free institutions, but also is a direct hinderance to world peace and the realization of human brotherhood."

Julius Rosenwald Interested.

As a result of the meeting, it was almost decided to have a monster meeting in the city of Chicago, with Dr. Schuman, Prof. DuBois, Rev. Reverdy Ramson, Dr. Archibald Grimke as speakers. Mr. Julius Rosenwald, the millionaire, is said to be interested in the organization and will subscribe to the publicity efforts in educating the public and creating sentiment along the lines of the object of the organization.

Villard Speaks.

Wednesday night of last week, Mr. Oscar Garrison Villard, editor of the New York Evening Post and grandson of William Lloyd Garrison, spoke at Handel hall. He spoke of the number of lynchings of the Negro and its disgrace to American civilization. He urged that progressiveness should take the place of passiveness and that a movement for betterment of conditions should be launched all over the country.

Mr. Villard's speech brought from the pen of Mr. H. H. Kohlsaat, editor of the Chicago Daily Recvord Herald, the following editorial:

Aid and Protection for eNgroes.

Oswald Garrison Villard, publisher of the New York Evening Post, grandson of the great abolitionist, Garrison paid a visit to Chicago and delivered two sincere and powerful addresses on the Negro problem in its various phases. He explained the objects and methods of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, and urged the establishment of an active branch in Chicago.

To hear Mr. Villard was to sympathize with him and indorse his poition fully. The association stands primarily for truth and knowledge, for simple justice to the colored population, for defense and protection against lynshing and outrage. The association renders legal aid to poor or threatened Negroes; it investigates and gives the public the real facts in cases of actual or supposed Negro crime; it enforces the law or sees that the authorities enforce it. It also hope sto aid the Negro trade schools and advance the industrial and moral interests of the race.

There is not a city of any size in the country which does not need a branch of this association. The branches should have their legal aid features and should be liberally supported by men and women who really believe in the principles of the American Republic. It cannot be doubted that such activities and education as the association is carrying on will in the course of time change the whole atmosphere in the communities where the Negro cannot obtain elementary justice or due process of law.

Dr. C. E. Bentley, of this city, who is a member of the executive committee of the national body, and when seen by a representative of The Freeman, said: "I am very proud of the advances being made by the association. It indicates that we are going to have a strong and effective organization in this city. It means the dissemination of literature; the holding of mass meetings, publicity work and the investigation of complaint against the Negro in all sections. The fact that Miss Jane Adams and Mr. Julius Rosenwald are interested in the association means much to us."

Miss Mary White Owington has been at the Hull House for several weeks and during her stay has spoken at the Fred Douglass Center and Bethesda Baptist churches. She is the official secretary and stated that the recent outrages at Coatesville and Georgai will be taken up for prosecution.

Eighth Regiment.

Col. John R. Marshall, commanding the Eighth Illinois National Guard, has informed the Freeman correspondent that the regiment has purchased a plot of ground for the location of the new armory, which is to be located on Thirty-fifth street, near Rhodes avenue, 125x231 feet. The transaction was made on January 5. Speaking of the matter, the Colonel said: "The ground is expected to be broken about March 15th and we may go into the new building about January 1, 1913. We made a trade of the property on Wabash avenue and Thirty-ninth, and the one purchased is an ideal location, larger plot of ground and excessable to all car lines, also in the vicinity where the colored people are living and moving fastly." During the sitting of the national Republican national convention, Col. Marshall expects to secure the White Sox park, at which time the regiment will pull off a big military "stunt." The Colonel also informs me that field officers, comprising the colonel, lieutenant colonel, and one major's time expires June 23, 1912, and skirmishing for the same will soon take place; on the 24th of June, however, the same officers are expected to be found on the "firing line." January 8th, Cary B. Lewis was selected by Col. John Marshall to write for the regiment and to be known among the soldiers as "war correspondent." Lieutenant Sam McGowan and Chaplain Jordan Chavis are candidates on the Republican ticket for county commissioner. Major R. R. Jackson is a candidate for the legislature in the third Senatorial district, subject to the action of the Republican party.

Y. M. S. A. Items.

There is continued interest manifested in the building of the Young Men's Christian Association, and this is evidenced by the large number of subscriptions being paid up weekly among some of the recent subscribers to pay in full are: Chas. S. Bell, Maurice H. Bell, Ernest A. Bunn, C. E. Kreyssler, Frank H. Lawson, Virgil B. Lawson, Chas. Jenkin Maxwell, Mrs. Francis Nichols. Those paid on subscriptions were: Dr. C. D. Trice, J. M. Higginbotham, D. C. Austin, James H. Duncan, Robert G. Hall, F. G. Maxwell and A. J. Walton.

Negro Progress.

It was exceedingly gratifying to the colored people of this city and elsewhere to read in last Saturday's Record-Herald, a double-column article on the "Progress of the Negro in 1912," by Monroe Work, of Tuskegee, Ala. In reviewing the article we find that the writer states that the Negro is not going to the cities as rapidly as the whites and that Negroes are becoming farmers at more than twice the rate of whites: that attention of race leaders in the South were encouraging good homes to live in, comfortable school houses and churches be provided and the extension of time for rural schools be extended.

He saw evidences of progress as cited in Negro papers where members of the race were holding very responsible positions and organizing business enterprises of various kinds. He cited the cities of Pittsburg, Buffalo, Secret Societies in Kentucky, Louisiana and Mississippi. It was reported that the Knights of Pythias Supreme Lodge at Indianapolis had collected over $1,000,000 for endowment.

Mr. Work cited at length the progress made by the colored department of the Young Men's Christian Association, referring to the gift of Mr. Julius Rosenwald and the self-support done by colored people in the cities of Indianapolis, Chicago, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Selma, Louisville and other cities.

We quote the following interesting notation: "From twenty colored conferences of Methodist Episcopal church over $26,000 was raised for the support of the Freedmen's Aid Board. This is one dollar in every four compared with what wast was received from that entire denomination. The South Caroiina Conference has for the last seven years stood at the head of all conferences in the Methodist Episcopal church in their gifts to Freedmen's Aid work. This conference has undertaken to raise $50,000 for the endowment of Claffin University, no money to be raised in the North until the $50,000 is secured. The Afro-American church is raining each year $150,000 for education. This denomination is supporting twenty normal schools and colleges."

Mr. Work closes his article by giving the names of a number of individuals that have won prizes for their meritorious work in schools and colleges and the making of the highest average in Civil Service examinations held throughout the country.

The article appeared on the editorial page of the Record-Herald and shows that the hearts of some of the editors of the North are in the right place by giving a hearing to the brighter side of Negro life.

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The sad news of the death of Bishop Gaines reached here on last Sunday. Citizens of all denominations joined in with the Methodist in expressing their deep sorrow in the death of Bishop Gaines. At the Methodist meeting on Monday at Bethel A. M. E. church, resolutions were passed to be sent to the family and printed in papers. Later, a Memorial Day will be held for the departed churchman.

Echols a Proprietor.

Mr. Jesse Bolling, one of the proprietors of the Burlington cafe, sold his interest Monday to R. L. Echols. Mr. Bolling has been in business for three years with Mr. R. H. Payne as partner. They have succeeded in building up a splendid trade. Mr. Bolling hopes that all his friends will continue to patronize the Burlington. He expects to leave in a few days for Hot Springs, Ark., returning, going East on political business.

Mr. Echols was formerly of Pittsburg, Pa., and has been on the Burlington route for three years and in that time has made quite a number of friends. He is very congenial and a "good mixer," and knows the business thoroughly. Mr. Echols expects to make some changes that will attract old and new friends in this and other parts of the country.

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Mrs. Hattie Bell, of the Dumas Hotel, has been quite ill, but under the skillful treatment of Dr. J. W. McDowel, she is much better.

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Mr. Tom McCann arrived in the city from a trip in the South. He has been busy telling his many friends what a good time he had and the special attention given him by Mr. Elwood Knox and Archie Greathouse while in the city of Indianapolis, en route home.

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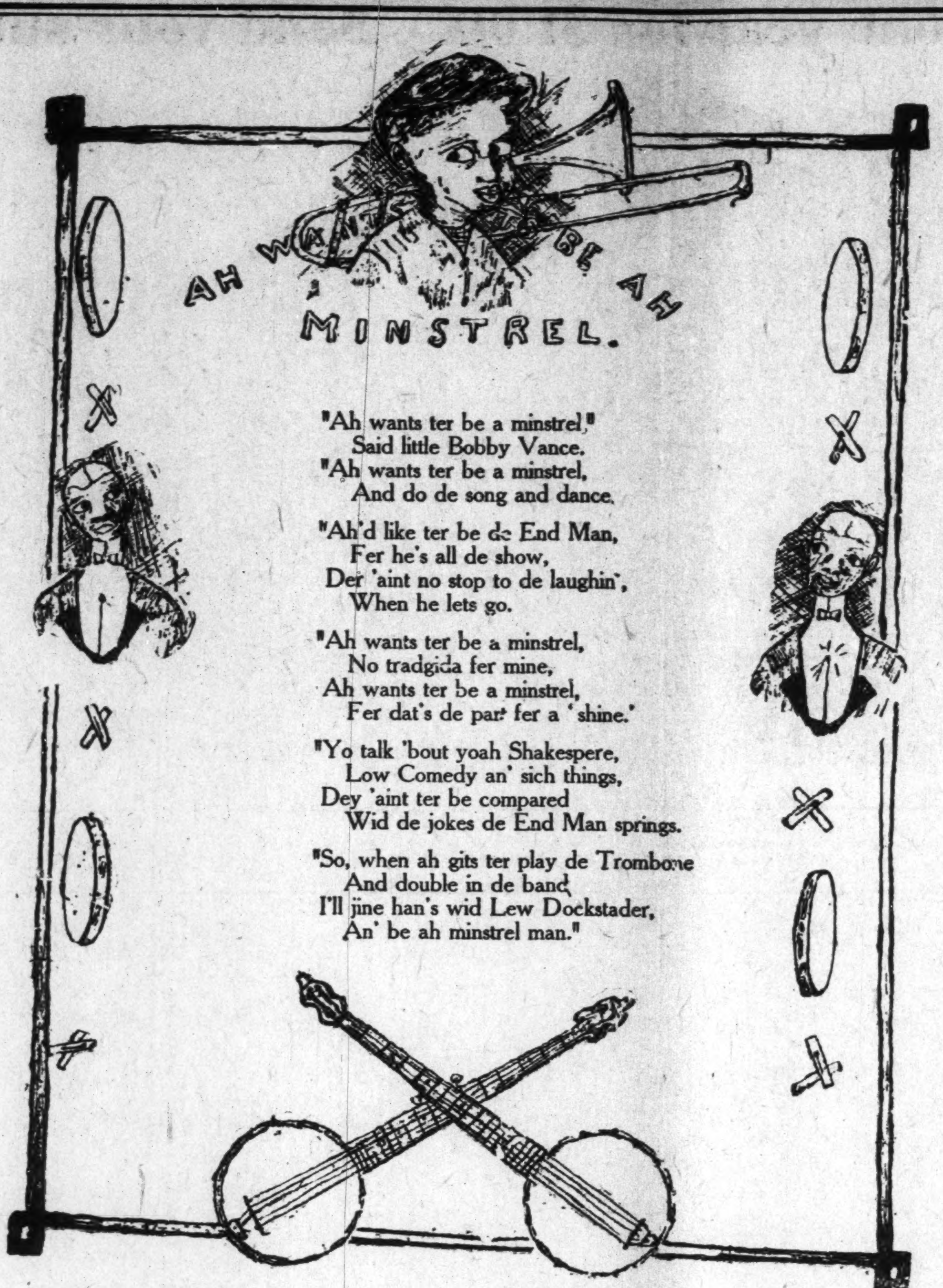

"Ah wants ter be a minstrel,"
Said little Bobby Vance.
"Ah wants ter be a minstrel,
And do de song and dance.

"Ah'd like ter be de End Man,
Fer he's all de show,
Der 'aint no stop to de laughin',
When he lets go.

"Ah wants ter be a minstrel,
No tradgida fer mine,
Ah wants ter be a minstrel,
Fer dat's de part fer a 'shine.'

"Yo talk 'bout yoah Shakespere,
Low Comedy an' sich things,
Dey 'aint ter be compared
Wid de jokes de End Man springs.

"So, when ah gits ter play de Trombone
And double in de band,
I'll jine han's wid Lew Dockstader,
An' be ah minstrel man."

PENSACOLA, FLA.

(By Walker Wilmer Thomas, Thomas News Bureau, 18 South Tarragonna Street. Phone 821.)

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Cards have been issued for the installation and entertainment to be given at the K. of P. Hall by Samaritan Lodge No. 107 on January 11, 1912. This will be one of the first installations to be given this season, and it promises to be one of the grandest affairs to be given this season. Those on the committee are A. C. Sawyer, W. H. Madison, Perry Wilson and Col. R. Morris....Mrs. James Smith and son returned from Alabama, where they have been visiting relatives and friends. They reported a very delightful time while in the Alabama city....The charge that was reported last week that the local insurance companies were not paying their many sick claims is absolutely false, and I would like for the public to know that this charge was made by parties unknown....Miss Katie L. Gaines of Milligan, Fla., was in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson of the West Side. Miss Gaines made quite a large number of friends while on her short visit here; she also reported a very delightful stay while in the deep water city....The Good Shepherd Lodge No. 42, K. of P., elected their officers for the ensuing term of six months as follows: J. R. Weatherspoon, C. C.; Garfield McReynolds, C.-C.; L. J. Gray, M. of W.; Henry Williams, M. of E.; Ed Allen, K. of R. and S.; Chesley Hines, M. A....Miss Dellie A. Lewis, of Selma, Ala., was in the city visiting friends last week. She reported a very delightful stay while in the city.....The holidays here were very quiet. There was nothing doing among the members of the younger set....Miss Bessie Pummer Frazier, of Tallahassee, Fla., who has been in the city as the guest of her parents, left for her home. Mr. D. J. Cunningham returned last week from Tuskegee, Ala., where he had been spending the holidays with the younger members of his family....The Southern "Smart Set" Company was in the city one night during the holidays and played at the local playhouse to one of the largest audiences that ever witnessed a colored play here for some time. The local white papers speak well of the company and the play, which was called the "Mayor of New Town." It was laughable from start to finish and everybody enjoyed themselves to the highest extent, and all would be more than glad if the Southern "Smart Set" Company would play a return engagement. Mr. Whitney, who was assisted by some of the best performers on the stage, received thousands of congratulations, and many were at the train to see them off last Sunday evening. We would be so glad if the S. H. Dudley "Smart Set" Company would pay us a visit before the season ends. Come on down, Dudley; the water is fine in Pensacola, Fla....Don't forget to report all of your news to the Thomas News Bureau, phone 821, Walker Thomas, proprietor....The January Crisis has arrived. Anyone desiring same may have it from the Thomas News Bureau for 11 cents in stamps. I will send you one anywhere. The Freeman is for sale at the Pensacola Drug Store, Gem Pharmacy and the Phoenix Pharmacy, Walker Wilmer Thomas, agent.

Mrs. Dina Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Essie Lindsay left the city on the 4th for San Francisco, Cal., where they will in the future reside. It was reported in Pensacola that their husbands, who have been in the west some six or eight months, have struck a gold mine. eLt us hope it is true. May good luck be with the ladies as long as they are in the far west.... Mrs. Ella Everhart, Miss Catherine Everhart and Miss Emma Dean left on the 7th for Danville, Ill., where they will make their home for a while. Miss Catherine will enter school. The other two ladies, Miss Ella and Miss eDan, will get married. Mr. Garfield McReynolds accompanied them as far Montgomery, Ala. Good Shepherd Lodge No. 42, K. of P., elected officers for the next six months as follows: J. R. Weatherspoon, C. C.; G. McReynolds, V. C.; Ed Allen, K. R. and S.; D. J. Gray, M. of F.; Henry Williams, M. of X.; L. J. Jones, prelate; Horace Smith, M. of W.; Chesley Harris, M. of A. The Grand Lodge of the state will meet this year in Jacksonville, Fla., on May 3. Uniform Rank companies are preparing to go.

THE OLDEST NEGRO TOWN IS FLOURISHING IN ALL WAYS.

MOUND BAYOU, Miss., Jan. 6.—Representative men and women were in Mound Bayou during the week from all parts of Mississippi, and many from Arkansas, Tennessee, and Louisiana, attending a conference which was called by Hon. Charles Banks, first vice president of the National Negro Business League, and other leaders of the state who are interested in the development of the Negro race along all lines.

The meeting was called at Mound Bayou, which is the oldest Negro town in the country. Its growth and progress along all lines has made it a safe investment for the Negroes of the United States with money. Many have invested although they live in other sections of the country. Almost every business as carried on in any other city or town in the South can be found in Mound Bayou, whose entire population are members of the Negro race. These men and women who are engaged in business are meeting with success. Large stores, employing young men and women as clerks, drugstores with their trained pharmacists, photograph gallery, three schools, one bank, postoffice, four churches, three insurance agencies, the Masonic Benefit Association, one public library, are among the enterprises among the race, and in addition to this they are now about to launch an oil mill, which will be the only one of its kind in the country owned and operated by the race.

The meetings were held in the assembly hall of the public library and were well attended. It was not such a large gathering, but a meeting of men and women of thought and business.

The oil mill, which is a large two-story brick building, 50x220, and the seed house and ware room, a large frame building, 50x344, are equipped with all the modern machinery and were erected and furnished at a cost of $95,000, all of which has been paid with the exception of $12,000, which the men are now putting forth an effort to raise without having to mortgage the plant. It is only a short time before the machinery will be put in operation, giving employment to fully a hundred men and boys of the race. It will be one of the largest mills of its kind in the South. The promoters have been so careful in their investment that they declare it will pay a dividend to its investors the first year.

"We believe in the doctrine of self-help," declared Hon. Charles Banks, who is regarded as one of the shrewdest business men of his race in the South, "and to this we are working. We are not standing around complaining and asking others to do for us what we can do for ourselves. In and about Mound Bayou we own 30,000 acres of land, and some of our people have good bank accounts. Why should we not do something with our money? Why not make the land work for us? Dirt draws no color line."

The meeting was called to order by Rev. A. A. Cosey, D. D., pastor of the Baptist church, and one of the leading men in this section of the country. Rev. J. H. Greer made the opening prayer, and then followed an address by Hon. I. T. Montgomery, founder of Mound Bayou, and the first mayor. His address was interesting, because he knew Mound Bayou when there were only two or three houses, and had watched it growth to a population of nearly 1,000. Other speakers were Rev. A. A. Cosey, D. D., Mound Bayou; John W. Francis, president of the Bank of Mound Bayou; Dr. W. P. Kyles, George H. Mays, E. C. Morris, D. D., president of the National Baptist Association; Hon. Josiah T. Sattle, Memphis, Tenn.

The addresses all had the rign to do something in them, and were full of good advice. It was then announced that business was in order, and the stock books were thrown open, and the first started by announcing that he would subscribe $250 additional stock to what he had already, was Dr. W. A. Attaway, of Greenville, president of the Mississippi Beneficial Insurance Co., and it kept the secretary busy after that writing subscriptions. Some men who were unable to be present sent for stock, enclosing checks to pay for the same. Letters from New York, Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky were read from representative colored men, who desired to assist in one of the greatest enterprises ever started by the race.

Among those present were Revs. E. C. Morris, Helena, Ark.; J. A. Booker, D. D., president of the Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Ark.; W. A. J. Morgan, grand master of the Striner grand lodge of Masons; E. M. Topp, D. D., editor of the Reporter, Jackson; W. W. Phillips, Kosciusko, deputy grand master; B. F. Lacy, Shiloh, grand senior warden; J. J. Morant, D. D., Vicksburg, grand junior warden; G. S. Goodman, Holly Spring, grand secretary; D. W. Gary, Meyersville, grand treasurer; T. G. Ewing, Vicksburg, cashier of the Union Savings bank; P. W. Howard, lawyer, Jackson; Virgil L. Ruben, grand liecturer of the grand lodge Knights of Pythias; D. W. Rhodes, undertaker, New Orleans; T. H. Hays, undertaker, Memphis, Tenn.; W. A. Attaway, Greenville; F. Mix, New Orleans; Maryland Brooks, Monroe, La.; J. H. Austin, Starksville; W. A. Scott, Jackson, grand worthy counsellor of Calanthe; William H. Harrison, lawyer, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dan. A. Rudd, Boyles; T. J. Wilson, Meridian; T. J. Wilson, Jr., New York; Mrs. Ollie B. Mosby, St. Louis; Poyton Banks, Swift Water; John L. Webb, Yazoo City; Dr. D. W. Sherrod, Meridian; W. W. Cox, Indianola; L. J. Winston, lawyer, Greenville; Mrs. A. Turner, Helena, Ark.; Dr. D. Williams, Memphis; Shepherd, Memphis; Dr. J. A. Barradin, Dr. Henry Kennedy, Memphis; James Marianna, Ark.; James Williams, Marianna, Ark.; Dr. W. F. Howard, Vicksburg.

In the evening session Thursday Prof. V. L. Ruben delivered an address, telling about the progress of his race in Mississippi. Other addresses were made by Dr. E. C. Morris, William H. Harrison and J. T. Settles.

"The next meeting will be of the stockholders," declared Hon. Charles Banks, "to declare a dividend.

RACE GLEANINGS.

The Colored State Fair at Macon, Ga., November 8-18, 1911, cost about $11,000.

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The Georgia State College and Farmers' Conference will be on Thursday and Friday, February 22 and 23, 1912.

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Melvin Youree, of Waverly, Mo., died January 5, aged 110 years, 2 months, 21 days. He was born in 1802; was the oldest man in the county. He dug the first grave in the cemetery.

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The Church of Our Merciful Savior, Episcopalian, Louisville, Ky., burned recently. The fine $3,000 pipe organ was wholly destroyed. Carnegie gave $1,000 toward the purchase of the instrument.

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Pittsburg is the second largest center of Negro population in Pennsylvania. The 25,000 persons of the colored race which it is estimated live within its limits own property worth over $2,500,000. The total value of the property owned by the Negroes of Pennsylvania is estimated at $20,000,000.

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The principal of the Snow Hill Institute is William J. Edwards, a Tuskegee graduate. The plant was founded by Mr. Edwards seventeen years ago, and is one of the largest offshoots of Tuskegee Institute. It has a faculty of 33, a student body of 375, 20 buildings, and 950 acres of fine farm lands. The present value of the buildings and lands is $90,000.

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Geo. W. Smith, a colored farmer of Broadlands, Ill., who died, left an estate valued at $116,000. The children are: Mary E. Smith, A. A. Gaines, Anna S. Neal and John M. Smith, all of Broadlands; Fred M. Smith, of Omaha, Neb.; Salona E. Sexton, St. Louis, Mo.; Charles A. Smith, of Longview. They are all graduates of the University of Illinois.

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By the will of the late Z. R. Cornwell, of Cleveland, O., the Tuskegee Institute is to receive a legacy of two thousand dollars, and in addition is made residuary legatee of the estate. At the same time the school has been notified that by the will of the late Solomon Phillips, of Uniontown, Pa., it is to receive two-thirds of the proceeds of the sale of fifty-one acres of valuable coal lands in the Pennsylvania district.

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The Negroes of the southwest section regard General Powell Clayton, Arkansas member of the Republican national executive committee, as perhaps the strongest friend they have in all matters touching their political rights. For forty-five years and more General Clayton and the members of his family have stood for the full manhood rights of the Negro. He has worked during all this time with such leaders of the Negro race as J. E. Bush and others of that character in this locality. His voice in behalf of the Negro has rung out clearly, and there has never been any equivocation in his position with reference to these rights.

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On Wednesday and Thursday, January 17 and 18, 1912, the twenty-first annual session of the Tuskegee Negro conference will convene at Tuskegee Institute.

Wednesday, the first day, will be devoted to a mass meeting of the Negro people. Thursday, the second day, the annual workers' conference will be held. In the call for this conference the statement is made that its purpose is "less to teach than to inspire." The first day will be taken up for the most part with informal reports and personal experiences of representative men among the farmer and laboring classes from all over the south.

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Captain Charles Young, Ninth cavalry, stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, will report to Washington for assignment for special service in Liberia. He is a graduate of West Point, and is the author of a book on political economy.

The transfer of Captain Young from Wyoming to Liberia reminds the country of the existence of a West Point graduate who is the only line officer in the army who is a Negro. Captain Young is a competent and well-behaved soldier. He served with the Ninth and Tenth Calvary and the Twenty-Fifth Infantry, Negro regiments, and for a very brief time with the Seventh Cavalry, a white regiment. He was officially attached to the Ninth Cavalry when the war was declared against Spain. After the war came a tour of duty in the capital of Hayti. He was still on the army list as an officer of the Ninth Cavalry, seniority having promoted him to a captaincy.—Tuskegee Student.

SHERMAN, TEXAS.

Miss Alphretta Garland, of Denison, spent the holidays as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Payne....Rev. J. L. Griffin, the evangelist, and better known as "Sin Killer Griffin," is holding forth at Progressive Baptist church this week, to large crowds, standing room being at a premium.

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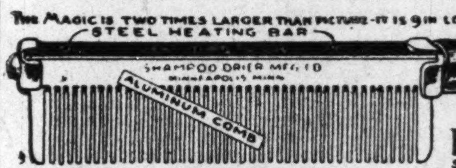
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Messrs. R. E. Coleman, Frank Wise, Samuel Simmons, Frank Everett were in Chicago January 4th, in service of the Erie railway company, from New York City, N. Y.

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If a pure in the heart railroad man stands back from subscribing for a paper like The Freeman, may God help him, for I term such men tightwads of the first water.

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Look out, Montague, someone is on the trail of that $1.15 you lost January 1, 1912. Sounds like the stockyards chat, but every one is inclined to believe that you must have been smoking at one Ling's place.

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Mr. James W. Cobb, 4750 State street, the man who charms the ladies with his beautiful singing, is in the passenger service of the C. B. O. railroad company, on a chair car to the city of Minneapolis, Minn.

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A certain South Side colored lady, formerly of Cementville, Ind., is wishing that her lawfully wedded husband would die so she could be with Henry Scott, a jackleg preacher hauning around New Albany, Ind., and Cementville. What are we to expect next?

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Mr. Colored Railroad Man, our fate is in our own hands; let us have union, and we have nothing to fear. So highly do I prize union at this moment, that I would prefer any one measure of resistance, with union, to any measure of resistance, with division. Let us, then, banish all personal feelings; let us present to our enemies the formidable front of an indissoluble band of brothers; nothing else is necessary to our success. John R. Winston, corresponding secretary and reporter of the Colored Railroad Men's Union.

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Mr. C. G. Reed, 39 West Forty-seventh street, who is in the service of the Pullman company, running wild, that is, he goes anywhere he is sent, in other words he is on the extra list. Mr. Reed is a believer, that is, he gives credit to the truth of the scriptures as a revelation from God, in a more restricted sence, a professor of Christianity, one who receives the gospel, as unfolding the true way of salvation, and Christ as his savious, this goes to show to the people that all railroad men are not bad fellows, as some stamp them.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING OF THE CHRISTMAS ISSUE.

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

My Dear Mr. Knox:

I write to send you my hearty congratulations upon your magnificent Christmas edition. It reflects the highest credit upon editors, publishers and printers alike. I am especially pleased to note in this special issue a report of your trip to Tuskegee Institute, last May.

Yours very truly,
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

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Evansville, Ind.

Editor Freeman,

Dear Sir: We must say that your Christmas number is just excellent. Wishing you and your co-workers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with much more success than ever we remain,

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Washington, D. C.

Friend Wood:

Great issue for Christmas. Congratulations. I wish you a Happy New Year.

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Chicago, Ill.

Friend Elwood:

Allow me to congratulate you on your Christmas number, the best the black press has offered the public; simply a whale.

Yours,
WM. FOSTER (Juli Jones.)

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Nelson, B. C.

To The Freeman:

I received the Christmas number and have enjoyed reading every line; wish there was more to read. Words can not express the pleasure I get out of The Freeman.

Respectfully,
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Box 993, Nelson, B. C.

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Chicago, Ill.

To The Freeman Editor and Manager:

I have watched with growing interest the progress of The Freeman for twenty-three years, and I must say that I feel puffed with pride at the standard of today (as it is our paper and from my home town).

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Mr. Elwood C. Knox,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My Dear Mr. Knox:

The Christmas number of The Freeman is a great inspiration to the race. It is something to which any people can refer with pride. To my mind it is one of the best you have ever put out.

Sincerely yours,
G. H. BROWN.
703 Harrison street.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

The Freeman,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Gentlemen—The Freemans all over town sold out in a few moments. Sorry that I didn't get more. It was the best Xmas edition I ever saw. I could have sold fifty more. I hope this will find you quite well. Thanking you kindly for favors extended, I remain,

Respectfully,
WM. HENRI ROBINSON.

ALL RIGHT ON NEGRO EDUCATION

Governor McCreary, of Kentucky, Takes Note of the Race in His Message to the Legislature.

On education of the Negro the new Democratic Governor of Kentucky, in his recent message to the legislature of that State, had the following to say:

"The Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute for Colored Persons wsa established by an act of the General Assembly, approved May 18, 1886. It was originally styled 'the State Normal School for Colored Persons,' and continued under that name until March 18, 1902, when, by act of the General Assembly, the name was changed to 'Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute for Colored Persons.' The change in name was made because of the fact that the school had decided on including departments for the teaching of agriculture, mechanical art and industrial trades, and thereby be allowed a portion of the federal appropriations for these purposes.

"It appears from the recent biennial report of the president of the institution, and from the report of the State inspector and examiner, that the school is doing a creditable and important work. The annual enrollment of students numbers about three hundred, from all parts of the commonwealth. A large proportion of the teachers of the colored schools of the State are graduates or former students of this school. The president of the State Teachers' Association at this time, and for some time past, is a graduate of this school. Many of the graduates and former students are engaged in farming, carpentry, cooking, sewing, etc., and are successful. The school is productive of good and useful citizens. Many letters are on file from employers speaking in high praise of services rendered by students as well as respect shown. These indicate also that care and attention are given in the instruction of students upon the importance of satisfactory service, and the proper relations between the employed and the employer.

"This is the State's only institution for preparing teachers for colored schools, and for teaching grades. It is controlled by a board of trustees appointed by the Governor, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction being ex-officio chairman. The trustees have been compelled recently to make expenditures beyond the school's income. While the school's income for the training of teachers is ample, the State has never made an appropriation to the school for teaching trades or industrial training.

"The president of the school closes his report as follows:

"'This appropriation of $25,000 will not place us in extraordinary circumstances, but it will materially help us in the distress that we now experience, owing to our indebtedness and needed improvements. The $5,000 annually will enable us to establish some homely trades for our girls and boys, and provide us instructors therefor, all to the end of a Negro citizenship, intelligent, industrious and good."

Mr. W. H. Brown, one of the oldest and leading Nebro business men of Louisville, and whose name was so recently mentooned in the columns of this paper, passed away at his home, 1212 Oldham street, Sunday evening, November 19, at the age of 47 years.

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To The Freeman:

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TESTIMONIALS.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a married woman and have been for ten years. I had only lived six months in any peace on earth in my home until I consulted this worthy woman, two years ago, and since then my home, by taking her advice, has been all that any family could wish. I am, your sister in Christ,

MRS. W. H. H.,
Sherman, Texas.

To Whom It May Concern:

My dear readers, you are missing half of your life in misery and shame, worrying with a man that will not try once to please you, cherish or comfort you, and hold a bright light of good moral conduct before his children, by making home happy. Now, listen; if you have sighed, worried, cried and pleaded with him, and to no avail, you pray and let Madame McNairdee advise you. I know you will never regret it. My husband was a drunkard, a runabout and all-around gambler, and the most wicked man tht our Lord ever let live, until all at once, after reading so often of this woman, I took up courage and let her hear from me. Today I will say it on a stairsteps of bibles, I have a model man in every respect. I will praise this woman as long as I have breath. She made my husband a man, a husband, a gentleman.

I am yours in Christ and S. M. T.,
MRS. T. G. D.,
Oklahoma, Okla.

My Dear Friends:

I am now making my own volunteer statement because this lady has caused me to be so happy. I would like so much to give you my name, but I hope you know why. I went with a young man two years and we spat all the time. We were twice engaged and he would disappoint me until I consulted this wonderful lady. Now we are married, and have been for nearly three years. He is so nice and kind to me. I told him a few months ago of this advice and he would not agree with me until he lost his job, and he then made up his mind, and do you know that my husband has one of the best jobs of his life by consulting her. No matter what you want to do or know, let her hear from you, and I vow you will never regret it. I can not help believing that she is sent of God to do just what she is doing, and you never hear of a thing ugly that she has done. I visited her during the K. of P. Supreme Lodge, and never met a nicer lady. I am a Christian and a leader in a good many church clubs. We chatted a good deal of such things. I find her very entertaining. I am, as ever, her friend,

MRS. JOSIE T. M.,
Washington, D. C.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have always been one of those that did not give any thought of this until about four years ago I had a great trouble and it cost me almost every dime I had, and my mother asked me one day to tell some of this trouble to this woman that we read so much about in our papers. Mother says, "I feel that she can help you." I had to laugh with tears in my eyes, for I was in jail; then, finally, I said, "Suit yourself; anything now, so I come clear and get out of here." She let this woman hear from her and about me. We never can forget what this woman said in reply. She said in substance, "If you will pray and trust in God, I will do the rest." And bless her today and forever, I was called to trial and every witness that could be found spoke in my behalf, and those who did not could not be found. I was returned to jail twice and then set free. Do you blame me for saying she is a power unknown, to help those who seek her aid? I am now doing business for myself and making good. Every months I send her $20. I have done this for four months, and shall always divide my last dime with her. I am her friend at all times.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 1912.

The weather has simply been malignant.

Cuba will also have to learn that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

The first bomb has been thrown in the republic of China. So bright to be so young.

Both Ed Green and Major R. R. Jackson hope to make the Illinois Legislature this year.

Even the man that cracked jokes on the other fellow about the weather grew silent and serious.

Maybe the Hon. W. H. Lewis did not go to Panama to escape a social dragooning in Washington.

The national conventions wouldn't be at all interesting if there were no fuss made over the candidates.

Things are cheap enough according to the shop windows. But who's got courage to buy in such weather.

Just as well surrender to oleomargarine. Can't hold out against it when butter threatens at 60 cents.

Again it is said that King Menelik of Abyssinia is living. Wonderful old man! How we loathe to give him up!

By the way, is running for the Indiana Legislature a lost art on the part of colored men? Now look out for trouble.

The radical movement for race betterment is a lost chord, unless the movement is within the race—within individuals of the race.

Carey B. Lewis, of Chicago, has already been appointed to do the Eighth Regiment in the field as "war correspondent." Another soul made happy.

It wasn't at all necessary that Jack Johnson read Jim Corbett's pedigree because Jim said that he was "stalling." Guess there's not very many angels in the pugilistic business.

Rev. Richeson saw where he could better himself in every earthly way. He chose to do it. It was his undoing. The motives were the most powerful known among men—money, station, love. All of this was damned up by just one life. He took it.

If the Liberians will do a little suffering and dying for the good of the country it will come up. Can it hope to escape the law that all great countries must suffer greatly? Great Britain for hundreds of years was but a series of camps. The United States toiled three hundred years at the severest tasks known to mankind before it saw the light. Liberia can profit by their example, avoiding their errors, taking advantage of their civilization.

While Governor Woodrow Wilson is most appealing as a presidential candidate, the Negroes should think well before they conclude that he will serve them best. We hope that he is as he seems to be, but have no means of knowing his views on questions vital to the Negroes' interests. What little there is known of him along the line mentioned does not argue in behalf of the race. He may be maligned in this instance, but yet it is not advisable to trade in the dark. See that the light is turned on.

"Australia desires immigrants, and welcomes to her shores all persons of the white race who are prepared to make their homes in the commonwealth." South Africa finds it necessary to make race distinction between the whites and blacks in very nearly the same manner as is done in our Southern States. We give this as information, showing that the Negro question is now a world question, and will not be settled by any short cuts. It is very important that we get right on the matter. It does not mean that Negro men should cease contending for the uplift, but that they do it with the knowledge of the facts. Intelligence in the direction of effort or pay the penalty.

It has been urged that the Negro voters use themselves as a political club to compel consideration. The idea is all right, since it savors of the majority rule. The majority is sovereign in republics. Most unfortunately the principle does not apply in full force, where is involved the race question. The race question is no longer a thing of politics. Its solution will not come about by the attempted arraying of hostile forces. The white people are practically united as it concerns the Negro, and will be found hand in hand in whatever their notions of the Negroes may be, or whatever disposition they have in mind for them. Negroes will find it necessary to find the key to the predetermination and win appreciation through what is suggested, having in mind nobility of race, charcter, and the rest of the agencies of uplift. We are not of the opinion that the open sesame means civil or social enslavement. In other words, the further emancipation rests with the race.

We say it once more: Africa is but another America, but on a vaster scale. The problems will be somewhat different because the slavery element does not enter. But whether this is for the better is not certain.

If we are honest with ourselves we must admit that the Negroes there will profit in that they will slowly change the savage life for that of civilization. They will suffer by contrast only. The gradual emancipation is right and proper. The situation around Cape Town is that of an influx of savages, the fountain being as the headwaters of the Amazon, which will never dry up. It is not reasonably expected that savages of yesterday will be on equal terms with the civilization of a thousand years. In theory it is advanced; in practice never. Why not hew to the line?

The thing to hope for is that time obliterate these lines. And we may rest assured that all other agencies will fail. The savage will know when he is fitted for civilization quite as soon as the man of the years of civilization—until he knows it he is unprepared.

The Philadelphia Tribune thinks that Assistant Attorney-General W. H. Lewis and wife would have refused with thanks an invitation tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Wickersham had it been offered, to attend a Washington society function during the holidays.

Mr. Lewis is colored and according to custom his office places him in high ranks when society is on. He chose to avoid any unpleasantness in view of what all know, hieing himself to the Panama zone for his holidays, a very tactful thing to do.

A few years ago there would have been a great howl by agitators insisting that he, the Assistant Attorney-General, was a coward, a trimmer and the rest of it because he did not care to appear where he was not expected. It is different today. A Negro has no right to invade the ranks of turnedup noses as it concerns society. As a matter of duty it is different. An individual is supposed to save himself from starvation in spite of turned-up noses.

We also think that if Mr. Lewis had been in Washington that he would have stayed at home rather than stand a social electrocution. Of course, there would have been some brave attempts to look pleasant on the part of society had he gone, but more than likely there would have been a demonstration or so that would not have required an interpreter. He would not run the risk—and he was right.

A white speaker interested in the advancement of colored people, speaking in Chicago recently advised as follows:

"Stand up for your rights. The passive days of the Negro race are past. Aggressiveness must take its place. The radical movement for race betterment has struck a popular chord."

The advice is all right with just a little modification. Stand up for every opportunity to get your rights is the needed advice to the Negro race in America. If we stood up for what is meant by "your rights" we would never be sitting down.

We as a race are all much obliged to the help we get by advice, by way of finance, but it will not be understood that others beyond ourselves understand the situation quite so well as ourselves. The advice is well meant, and means the same as the "just a little modification." The race has got to the place where it knows that there never can be exactly the same feeling between a Negro and a white man as there is between a white man and a white man. On that proposition hangs all of the laws. Everything done or considered will be governed by the fact which only stupidity refuses to recognize..

A HUMAN OR RACE PROBLEM?

W. T. Vernon, in his recent address at Jacksonville, Fla., made the assertion that there was no race problem, insisting that it is a human problem. Time and time again assertions of the kind have been made, and, as we see it, with the view of lifting the question to higher grounds, perhaps in the sense of dignity. The question is a human question, or a question of humanity. The struggle is human, since those involved are human beings. It sounds better to the ears of civilization to insist that it is merely a thing of a portion of the human family, that is down, struggling upward. It is that, since those that are down are struggling upward. But it is more than that.

We will not be able to dismiss the fact that, within the struggle for enlarged citizenship, and larger consideration, there is yet another struggle peculiar and certain. We are not particular about knowing that this warfare is racial. We know that it is different, and by way of deduction might say that things different should be differently known. However, it is not our purpose to deal in nice distinctions. There is a decided difference.

We think the tendency is to minimize the question when it is thought merely a human question, and such as the world has ever known.

Again; it is more than a question of human beings struggling upwards. The causes are more than common. The laboring white man seeks shorter hours, more pay, and so forth. The Negro laborer does this also, but, mind you, in his diminutive, or lesser sphere. The system that he rebels against is not only the same the white laborer rebels against; it is more. The Negro laborer rebels against a condition that puts him in this lesser sphere of opportunity and wages as against that enjoyed by the white man. What has caused this lesser sphere? The answer is plain, very plain. It is more than a feature of the human struggle upwards; it is race prejudice, and through which the Negroes must emerge before they can find place in the ranks as strugglers in common in the effort at the commonality of good things—the human struggle as best understood.

WOODROW WILSON IN THE LIMELIGHT.

The Amsterdam News, of New York, feels to have made a case out against Governor Woodrow Wilson. It recently said:

"Nor does Woodrow Wilson only believe in the South's right to disfranchise its millions of black citizens. So far as in his power lay, in his own domains, he has completely suppressed them. While president of Princeton no black boy ever entered her college course. More than one colored athlete from the great New England institutions in athletic contests was brutally set upon and maltreated by the Southern infected sons of dear old Nassau. A colored doorkeeper at Trenton for thirty-seven years has served luncheons to New Jersey Governors. He, of course, serves Governor Wilson. But no successor to Herbert or Day has been appointed as document clerk. The number of colored Democrats whom Woodrow Wilson has made in New Jersey during his term as Governor may be counted on less than one finger of the hand. Dr. Wilson may have made a splendid president for Princeton, but as President of the United States he will not do."

We said last week that, as we saw it, Mr. Wilson is a very excellent man. We said that Mr. Wilson was not his party, and which perhaps would not be content with the presidency. We had in mind the threatened invasion of the constitution, the possible striking down of the latter, constitutional amendments and so forth. We advanced nothing personally concerning him that reflected, because we knew nothing to advance. We intimated that as excellent as he is thought to be, it would be hazardous for Negroes to chance a party, nationally, which sends members to the capital for the specific purpose of politically denuding Negroes.

"GRIZZLY BEAR" ET AL. TO GO.

The International Association of Dancing Masters has concluded to cut dear old "Grizzly Bear," the "Turkey Trot" and "Get Over Sal." The dancing masters say they are not nice.

Tunes of the kind were kept so long because the people as a whole did not think of such a thing as the lewd in music, and it may be there is nothing more lewd in one combination of notes than in another. The effect is it. The human voice when in the loving mood is different from the human voice at some other time. Innocent instruments were not thought capable of so much soul, and hence possible deviltry.

The learned musisians have always known the passions of their instruments. We Americans are not until now anything like a musical country, consequently have learned but very little of the lascivious flute or guitar. We have come up some in recent days. The innocent, frank fiddler of forty years ago we laugh at now, but yet we've not reached the Wagner passion stage, when we know love, hate, jealousy, peace, war by the drawing of the bow.

The "Grizzly" and his tribe came on; went big without being suspected, excepting by the musicians and the few. They held up their hands in protest. Might as well held them up against old Niagara. In time the "Grizzly" taught its own doom by teaching its own lesson. When music causes wiggling and shaking it's all right in the proper places in the drama, but it won't do for the whole piece.

The dancing masters had to wait until "Grizzly" and the kind thoroughly established the fact that there is a music for every passion before they could be routed of their sway among the people. The verdict is unconscious suicide.

DECREASE IN LYNCHINGS.

According to the Chicago Tribune, the lynchings of 1910 were 71, as against 74 of the year previous. Seventy-one is an appalling number, especially so, since most of the victims were Negroes. The decrease, however, is the thing, since the evil is known, is endured, and has been endured since immediately after the Civil War.

The lynching evil is an incident to the race struggle. And we think, without trying to lessen its horror, that it should be so considered, rather than a distinct and fixed custom of the country. As will be noted, this is an effort to make the best of an ugly situation, as we are so often compelled to do concerning other affairs. In other words, it's an effort at patriotism. Many Negroes do find it extremely difficult to be patriots; very few show exceeding zeal. There is reason for it all. White men who would now stand astounded at the expression of such an attitude would be manufacturing bombs if they found themselves in a similar plight. They hold, and rightly, that personal freedom is the dearest right, the most prized right of mankind. They are content to let it rest in abeyance at times, like surplus money in the bank; they would know it were there, and to be drawn on at will.

Through all the meanness the race is subjected to, or in spite of it, most of us manage to stay on the patriot's side. What bombs are thrown are merely theoretical. And unless we consider the ofttimes riot of the human soul, the Negro is the world's best citizen. Perhaps he is too good. And yet were he different he would invite his own extinction. This goodness has in mind his easy disposition, bowing to authority and bowing to that yet higher thing—fate—man-made fate. About his racial traits and habits is another thing. He is not Caucasianized, it is very plain to see; and here is where he mostly offends. But he offends himself above all, in failing to subscribe to a mode of conduct that does not invite attention, owing to an offensive peculiarity. This is the most that can be said against the Negro. It is not a small thing, but it is not a lynching matter. The Negroes are Israelitish; they stand for peace; that domestic tranquility Thomas Jefferson speaks of in the Declaration of Independence.

In spite of the sheep dispositioned nation, the mob flourishes, as if it were encouraged by the very docility. And, after all, there seems more than man wisdom in directing the march of the Negroes in America. The American Indian, that proud man of the forest, the utmost example of human courage, has been driven to his last ditch; he has been shot to pieces, hanged, quartered and drawn since Columbus landed at Guanahani; and for his sublimity, is the best type of a civil nondescript in the whole round world. The suppliant Negro nature, then, is not without some recompense, costly as it appears from the viewpoint of physical courage. In the ordering of things concerning him, it looks as if he is to come to his own, whatever it may be, through a fitting adjustment of things, viewed from the standpoint of the relations of inferior and superior races as commonly understood.

Lynching is lifting; each year the disorder decreases, and due as much to the persistent good in the Negro as a citizen, as anything else. The Indian fought Quixotically, charging windmills; he fought according to his feeling and not according to his opportunity for victory. The opportunity for victory is it, meaning that progress is to be made along the line of the least resistance. The ordering of the Negro in the main has been mostly this way, and providentially so.

BISHOP WESLEY J. GAINES DEAD.

The painful intelligence of the death of Bishop Wesley J. Gaines, of the A. M. E. church, swept over the country causing sorrowing to that great church and to thousands of his friends and admirers throughout the country.

It was not even known generally that the distinguished bishop was ill. His taking off and burial have been announced at once, very much to the surprise and regret of all that knew him.

As by the death of Bishop Grant, the connection has been struck hard by the death of his distinguished colleague.

Those knowing of Grant and Gaines have felt to associate them especially together. They were born into the bishopric under the same auspices; they were similar in manner, build, looking as twin giants in the Master's cause—spiritually, mentally, physically.

The group that clasped hands in that knightly circle of the quadrennial of 1888 were Bishops Turner, Grant, Gaines and Arnett, perhaps the most distinguished group of Negroes ever made at one time. The word of peace was spoken to them by the saintly Bishop Payne, who bade them rise up in the might of Israel's God and go in quest of lost mankind, whose redemption was made possible by the blood of Jesus Christ.

All of these, saving one, the illustrious Turner. have ushered across the threshold of eternity. But they illuminated well their spiritual spheres and when their lights dimmed the world was not ignorant of the fact.

This quadrennial offers up to the toll of death Bishops Grant, Handy, Lampton, Gaines—a havoc in the earthly ranks of the church, as it will seen.

The lesson of their lives, however, will be known, are legacies, and the race will profit even in their deaths. They will come into their reward.

At this time we are not fully acquainted with the incident of the death of Bishop Wesley J. Gaines. However, it occurred at Atlanta, Ga., Friday, January 12. He was buried at that city Tuesday, January 16.

He presided over the First Episcopal district, which included Philadelphia, New Jersey. New York and the New England States conferences.

KELLY MILLER ON THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE HOOK.

Washington D. C., Jan. 15, 1912.
President William H. Taft, White House, Washington, D. C.:

Mr. President—It is reported that Judge William C. Hook is an applicant for the position of justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Hook, as judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, rendered a decision (186 Federal Reports) which in clear terms denies the Negroes equal rights and privileges in railway travel. As a colored citizen I want to protest against the appointment of a man with such a reiord to the Supreme Benah, in place of the late Justice Harlan, who stood for a sqnare deal for all men before the law.

Yours truly,
KELLY MILLER.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Dunn and wife, of Cairo, Ill., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. King.... Mrs. L. Enest, of Newlam, Tenn., is here visiting friends....Mrs. J. Carneal is on the sick list....Mr. H. C. Ricks and wife were in Bloomington, Ill., visiting their daughter, Mrs. C. Hagen....Mr. Z. Offored is on the sick list....Mr. R. King is down with rheumatism....There was a dance at the Calloway and Campbell hall last Saturday night....The K. of P.'s met last Monday night.......Mr. E. L. Dukes, Mr. Nowell and Mr. Henry Merefield, of Greenville, Ill., were here last Monday visiting relatives and old friends. They also visited the K. of P. lodge and were initiated as members of the K. of P. lodge of Centralia, Ill......Mr. C. G. Simpson has opened a luncheon stand in the Callaway hall....The Ruth Household Club met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Offored last Monday night. They also held their installation Tuesday night at Masonic hall....Mr. A. V. Hinds is on the sick list.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Chastine Mason left recently for his home in Joliet, Ill., after a pleasant visit here....Mr. Garret Johnson died recently at his home in Mexico, Mo....Rev. Mrs. DeWitt, also Mr. Sil Arbuckle and Mr. Samuel Roberts are all improving....The weather is very cold here and disagreeable....The chicken pie supper and ice cream social given January 9, at the Second Baptist church was quite a success, and largely attended. An excellent program was rendered by Mrs. Della Harris. The solo was sweetly sung by Clyde Jackson. Mrs. Harris rendered her reading excellently....Miss Josephine Haskell and Thomas Waggoner have become members of the Forum....Mr. Sylvester Arbuckle is some better now....The business meeting of the Second Baptist church choir was held at Rev. Mrs. DeWitt's....The election of Sunday school officers was held at Mrs. A. Dabney's. All the old officers were reelected....Mrs. John McCree is arranging for a fine entertainment....Quarterly meeting was held recently at McCabe church. Rev. Gillum preached.

ADDYSTON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Grandma Hawkins has an attack of the mumps....Mayor Joseph Shane, assisted by his staff of deputies, is making quite a change from what has been the first step of importance was the prohibiting of gambling and loitering by men and women, should the mayor continue enforcing the law, Addyston will be worth inviting strangers to....Mr. Terliss Young, who has been seriously ill remains about the same....William McNair is ill at this writing and is confined to his home.... Mrs. M. S. Fitzpatrick has recovered sufficiently to be around looking after the interests of her restaurant....Miss Mary Bertram is convalescent....Subscribe for The Freeman.

HENDERSON, KY.

(By LaVetta Jones.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The cold weather prevented the mass meeting of the Young Men's Business League, but the work is being carried on just the same. Enthusiasm is at its height and the prospects for a colored Y. M. C. A. seem good. It is hoped that by January 1, 1913, the colored people will have a $30,000 Y. M. C. A. in Henderson....Messrs. H. G. Weston, M. E. Brown, J. M. Mundy and H. F. Jones spent Sunday in Louisville, attending a chancellor commanders' council and board meeting of the K. of P.'s. There are plans on foot for the erection of a Pythian temple in Louisville. This will be of credit not only to the Knights of Pythias but to all Kentuckians....Messrs. Geo. Gladdish, of Earlington; Levy Walker, of Corydon, and R. E. McNary, of Madisonville, spent a few hours in the city, en route to Louisville, to the chancellor commanders' council.....Dr. W. J. Weston, deputy grand chancellor of the K. of P.'s, was called to Owensboro, Tuesday, to install the officers of Maceo Lodge No. 8.. ..Snow fell here Thursday about sixteen inches deep and the thermometer registered 8 degrees below zero.....All the schools were compelled to close Friday, because of the deep snow. Much suffering is reported from the extreme cold weather....The funeral of Mrs. Kate Ellis was preached Sunday afternoon from tho First Baptist church......The Harmony Club met with Mrs. W. J. Weston Sunday afternoon.

COLUMBIA, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Seven days of continued cold weather is a record breaker for Columbia, and 10 below some days makes many think of what went with their summer earnings....Rev. O. T. Nelson passed through Columbia en route to Sugar Grove for the regular monthly services....Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cochran are rejoicing over the arrival of a big, bouncing baby boy. Both mother and "Maryland" are doing well.. Emancipation exercises were held Thursday evening at St. Paul M. E. church. Moving pictures and illustrated songs, readings and addresses by Prof. J. P. Washington and J. F. Moseley constituted the evening's entertainment....Mr. Morris Moseley returned from Fayette Tuesday, where he has been visiting....Mr. and Mrs. Sam Campbell lost their two-year-old baby Saturday evening, January 12....Quite a number of valuable dogs are being killed for not being muzzled.. ..Miss Alma G. Williams, the substitute teacher at Douglass school, is on duty during the absence of Mrs. J. M. Burnett, who is sick in Chicago, Ill....Prof. J. M. Bannister did not go out of his school Monday and Tuesday, owing to the intense cold.....Miss Emma Pitts took the examinations for qualification as teacher in the Deer Park neighborhood, which school lost its teacher, Miss Essie Logan, by death, early in November.

TULSA, OKLA.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Nancie Craigs was out of town this week....The Boozer Brothers have sold out their stock of groceries and have moved to Sand Springs....Miss Dorsie Winis is in Kingfisher, Okla., visiting her father....Mr. Randolph and family were burned out this week. Nothing was saved. ....The C. M. E. church is making some improvement on their property. The work is being done by Mr. Will Cherry..Miss Callie McGreagy received news of the death of her only sister in Little Rock, Ark....Tulsa will soon have a colored printing office, which will begin operation in a very short time....Rev. H. C. Caldwell preached Sunday night at the First Baptist church....Call on E. G. Griffin every Saturday for The Freeman.

NON-SECTERIAN WIDOWS WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' HOME

TACOMA, Wash.—The following is a financial statement showing the progress in the building of the Non-Sectarian Widows' and Orphans' Home: Money raised, $145.32. Disbursements: Lumber, $114.60; traveling expenses, $52.63; hardware, $2.70; labor, $41.90; total, $212.03.

The home is under the management of Mrs. V. L. Spencer, president; H. Campbell, secretary.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

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administrative factor of rare ability and broad experience.

Dr. Shepard to Come in February.

Owing to the continuation of the revival at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, which necessitates the transfer of the January meetings of the Bethel Literary Society to another place not so large, it has been deemed best to defer the coming of Dr. James E. Shepard until a date in February, at which time the big church will be available. Due notice of the exact date of Dr. Shepard's lecture will be given through the press. Dr. I. N. Ross, pastor of Metropolitan church, is an ardent believer in the educational propaganda with which Dr. Shepard is identified at Durham, N. C., and is anxious that his message of hope be heard to the best advantage here.

It will be of interest to the many friends of Dr. Shepard to know that he was ordained last Sunday at the White Rock Baptist church, in Durham, N. C., as a minister of the gospel. The ordination services were conducted by Dr. D. Webster Davis, of Richmond, Va., and Dr. P. S. Lewis, of Charlotte, N. C. The Durham Reformer says:

"Dr Shepard is a worthy scion of his father, who, until his recent death, was pastor of the White Rock Baptist church. The younger Shepard has been a licentiate for some time, having quite frequently acted the role of pastor since his father's demise, but not with more credit tha nlast Sunday morning, when he preached a very acceptable and inspiring sermon, that was quite in keeping with the dignity and ability with which he is peculiarly endowed."

Dr. Shepard, who is a "Ph. D.," by the way, will be a luminous figure.

The "Mu-So-Lit" Enlarges Membership Limit.

The "Mu-So-Lit Club," the most famous organization of its kind in the country, embracing seventy-five of the "picked men" of the nation, residing permanently or temporarily in this city, has extended its picket line to one hundred, in anticipation of a vigorous effort to acquire a much-needed "club home." The roster of the organization is made up of educators, lawyers, doctors, business men, federal officials, artists, musicians, journalists, etc., and the name "Mu-So-Lit" is an abbreviation of the musical, social and literary life which it is designed to portray. In has had as its guests some of the best known factors in the world's development, and it is felt that with an enlarged membership and a handsomely-appointed club home, the organization will be better prepared than ever to take care of their friends in the style commensurate with the merits of the invited ones and in comport with the reputation the club has gained throughout the country.

At the annual meeting Friday evening, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Robert A. Pelham; vice president, Charles J. Pickett; corresponding secretary, R. W. Thompson; financial secretary, W. H. Haynes; recording secretary, Alfred P. Lewis; treasurer, Dr. C. Sumner Wormley. James C. Waters, Jr., and Maurice C. Clifford were elected to membership, and Hon. W. T. Vernon, supervisor of Indian schools, absent from the city on official business, was placed on the honorary roll.

The meetings of the Mu-So-Lit Club for the past few years have been held at Martin's cafe, Eleventh and U streets. On the second Friday evening in each month, the busy men of the city find it very pleasant to get together, listen to and discuss a paper on some helpful topic, enjoy some choice music, and play a few games, topping off the occasion with a delightful luncheon. At the February meeting the club will elect the twenty-five new members provided for by the Cardozo amendment, which was adopted last Friday night. President Pelham's administration opens auspiciously.

Financial Secretary Jackson Opposed to "Poverty Cry" in Zion Church.

Dr. J. S. Jackson, the optimistic financial secretary of the A. M. E. Zion church, is opposed to the "poverty cry" voiced by some of the timorous souls in the Zion church. He handles the moneys of his connection, and declares that the people from whom he collects give evidence of as great a degree of prosperity and as much practical loyalty to their denomination as is true of any other church in the land, Baptist, Methodist or what not. He thinks the rank and file are not pleased to have it noised abroad that they are too poor to pay the running expenses of a rapidly growing church body. Ministers and laity evince a disposition to go forward, says Dr. Jackson, and will not be content to take any backward step, regardless of the complaints of the reactionaries. He makes it plain that he favors the election of at least two Bishops at the Charlotte General Conference, to fill the existing vacancies, and will stand for the principle of "contiguous districts" as a means of bringing the church's branches closer together and reducing traveling expenses. He is for the logical expansion of Zion, and insists that the church shall be truly national, covering the places now neglected in many rich and productive sections of the country.

Dr. Jackson passed through the city this week, en route to Fayetteville, N. C., to attend the final session of the Bishop's Council for the present quadrennium. His report will show Zion to be in a healthy financial condition, and in his preface he will urge the necessity for the election of the number of Bishops necessary to properly administer the affairs of a progressive church organization of half a million souls, and will argue for the rearrangement of the districts in a more compact form. "At all events," concludes Dr. Jackson, "this poverty cry ought to be stopped. I hope to prove in my coming report that it is wholly unwarranted, and detrimental to the best interests of our Zion."

The News in a Nutshell.

Architect J. A. Lankford and family are at Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla.

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Attorney T. J. Calloway will take charge of the work of "lifting" the mortgage of nearly $4,000 still due on the Frederick Douglass homestead at Cedar Hill, Anacostia. The plan is to make the place a Mecca for the Negro people—a museum of the Negro's racial history.

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Register J. C. Napier is deeply impressed with the possibilities that lie in the wake of the Negroes of the South along advanced agricultural lines. He is proud of the record the race has made as an economic factor in the development of the Southland, but believes that even better results can be attained by systematic instruction of the Negro in the modern methods of crop production, and he is anxious that steps be taken to establish agricultural schools for the training of young colored men. He will speak at length on this subject at an early date.

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Mr. J. C. Dancy will join Dr. J. E. Shepard here in a fortnight, make a tour of the North and East in the interest of the National Religious Training school, Durham, N. C. Justice J. C. Pritchard will also speak in the interest of this very helpful institution for the religious training of our people.

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The Consolidated Republican Clubs, at a recent meeting, observed the forty-ninth anniversary of the issuance of the emancipation proclamation, endorsed President Taft for renomination, and declared for James W. Poe for delegate to the national convention.

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Mrs. Portia Washington Pittman and her two children are visiting Dr. and Mrs. Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee Institute.

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Col. J. W. Lyons is ill at the Burruss sanitarium, Augusta, Ga., but is improving under the care of Dr. G. N. Stoney.

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Dr. I. N. Ross, the scholarly pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, is developing a surprising degree of strength in his race for the Bishopric. Rev. E. H. Hunter, formerly of this city, now at St. John's A. M. E. church, Norfolk, Va., is proving to be a formidable candidate for the financial secretaryship, to succeed Dr. John Hurst, who will go to the Bishop's Bench on the first ballot.

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Nine out of twelve Zion conferences, held within the past few weeks in the South, endorsed Dr. J. S. Jackson for the Bishopric by a unanimous vote. The other three did not make any endorsement. Dr. Jackson's election is conceded upon all sides in the Zion connection.

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A mass meeting was held Monday evening at True Reformers' hall to promote the candidacy of Editor W. Calvin Chase, of the Washington Bee, for the position of delegate to the Republican national convention. He has been endorsed by a number of influential local organizations. Mr. Chase will vote for the renomination of President Taft, if elected a delegate.

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GOSSIP OF THE STAGE
R.C. BUCKNER

Jones and Grant at Buswick theater, Brooklyn this week.

The Musical Spillers this week at Temple theater, Detroit, Mich.

Jones and Moore at the Majestic, Cleveland, O., the week of January 15.

J. B. Sandifer, since arriving in New York City, is scoring a big success.

Aida Overton Walker and Girls at the Green Point theater, Brooklyn, this week.

P. G. Lowery has something up both sleeves this time. See ad in next week's issue.

Ethel Coles, the popular little performer now entertaining at the Cafe Leroy, New York.

Job Gertrude in his eighth week at the Pastime theater, Muskogee, Okla., having success.

Arthur L. Prince has a big bug to put in all performers' ears. Write him care Freeman office.

Sime and Thompson canceled their engagement for the Blue Mouse, Philadelphia, Pa., week of January 15th.

The Alabama Comedy Four went big at the Lincoln theater, New York, last week, with good singing and dancing.

Clever Billy Young just finished at the Bellingham theater, Tacoma, Wash. Filling engagement now at Hoquiam, Wash. Act going fine.

Etta Settle was working alone last week and she scored a big success with her songs and stories at the Lincoln theater, New York.

Billy E. Jones would like to work with a girl partner; a good amateur considered. Write him at 1805 Fourth street, Washington, D. C.

Marion Brooks sends greetings from St. Louis. His stock company recently played a successful engagement at the Crown Garden, Indianapolis.

The Jolly Hendersons scored nicely on the bill at the Howard theater, Washington, D. C., last week. This week they are playing in Philadelphia.

The Six Gum Drops with Dawson and Somers, scored a big success last week at the Majestic theater, Philadelphia. They have eight weeks.

Hunter and Chappelle returned to New York last week, after a successful downeast. They go away next week, and will not be back before April.

"The Spider and the Fly" in Iowa. Recovering effects of rough weather. Willie Hamilton is still funny—a droll black face comedian with a good voice.

J. D. Chinn, the noted Uncle Tom's Cabin promoter, visited the Lowery and Morgan's minstrels in the interest of J. H. Boyer's Fashion Plate minstrels.

An art program will be a feature of the Frogs' first stage performance, which will be given in New York, Monday, January 29, 1912. Bert A. Williams, president.

Elmer Bowman left NeFw York Saturday for Montreal. He just composed a new song called "Puzzling Rag." The music by Chris Smith. Elmer will be away for some time.

The J. H. Boyer Fashion Plate minstrels will offer more engagements to performers and musicians than any firm in the history of show business. See ad in next week's issue.

Two of the best equipped tent shows will take the road in April, carrying two cars each, the sleeping cars are the finest ever occupied by any company. See ad in next week's issue.

It is rumored that Tim Owsley, manager of the Crown Garden, Indianapolis, is engaged to Miss Helen Shores, a young society lady. Wedding to occur within in the next two months.

The team of Little Irma and Elbert White opened at the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C., week of January 16, after filling their engagement there they will go South to visit relatives.

The celebrated Leon, magician and ventriloquist, arrived in Tampa, Fla., January 11th. Will spend awhile in Tampa, then Key West, Fla., with Havana, Cuba, to follow. Address general delivery, Tampa, Fla.

Frank Kirk, the musical tramp, will soon add another comedy stunt to his act. What is it? Well, it's one you never heard of. It's an eccentric bum dance. Now on the Western Vaudeville Managers' Association time.

Thornton and Long left Washington, D. C., Sunday night for Richmond, Va., for two weeks. May return to Washington for four weeks engagement if further booking is not arranged for the southern territory.

Jennings and Jennings, Elsie and Henry, after five weeks of illness, are before the footlights once more. They are playing a return date at the Grand theater, Chattanooga, Tenn., and meeting with success. Regards to friends.

Billy E. Jones, the singing comedian, is featuring two new song hits this week. Another rag, and which is some song, and "I Want to Spoon by the Light of the Silvery Moon," at the Lincoln theater, taking three and four encores with each song.

Glazier Jubilee Concert Company en route to Tipton, Ind., passed through the city January 16. Roster of the company: Lena Bryant, soprano; Olva Elson, contralto; J. J. Miles, tenor; C. C. Lewis, tenor; George Lyde, bass; E. Norton Dennis, baritone and piano.

That mysterious trio—Green, Pew and Green—closed two successful weeks at Winston-Salem and opened at Charlotte, N. C. Dixie Mrs. Green certainly does clean with "That Mississippi March," whiFle Mr. Pew takes thre and four encores with "You Go in, Mr. riend of Mine; I'll Stay Out Here."

Elris (Elsin) Mason, the singing comedian, after colsing twenty-two successful weeks with Gentry Bros.' show, joined his wife, Mrs. Lillian Brown Mason, at Jacksonville, Fla. Closed ten weeks at the Globe theater. Opened at the Central theater, Atlanta, Ga., January 15, for indefinite time. Good luck to all.

Billy E. Jones is scoring a distinct hit this week with "I'll Share All My Play Toys With You," at the Lincoln theater, judging from the applause, this song should make as big a hit through the country as "After the Ball." Mr. Jones will feature this song during his engagement here.

Sylvester Russell and Earl Walker met accidentally on last Monday at midnight in front of the Monogram theater, Chicago, Ill., where Mr. Walker took Mr. Russell to task concerning an article which appeared in the "Illinois Idea" week of January 13, on the closing of the Walker theater, which mentioned a mysterious woman in the case. A secret service detective stood by taking observations, but no blows were exchanged.

William McCabe Georgia Troubadours the real colored minstrel show with a jingle, still seems to please all the people wherever they go. They are now playing western Missouri and Kansas, going north then to Nebraska and Iowa. The company numbers sixteen people, including the white agent, Max C. Elliott, who is the wildcat pilot with the McCabe Greater minstrels. All scenery equipment i carried with pecial cotume and it is acknowledged the real show everywhere.

A white publication of Camden, N. J., speaking of "My Friend From Dixie" company, which played not long since in that city, said: "Never before in the history of this playhouse has a better, or even as good singing show as the Dixie Company been presented. Will Brown, who plays the society man, is the cleverest cut and best groomed colored actor seen on the local stage. Brown has a fine appearance, a good delivery and his "Molasses Candy" number cannot be better. George Walker never had anything on this boy."

DANA THOMPSON'S SUNNY DIXIE MINSTRELS

This aggregation is having great success touring through the State of eGorgia. Miss Lula aJckson closed a week ago and is now temporary stationed in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCoy, of Savoy Theater, Memphis, Tenn., joined us last week, and they are screams.

Miss Willie Venable just mops—dat's all; and Richard M. Brown and Robert Ellis hold down the extreme ends, while Charles English, Happy Dudley, Kid McCoy and Wm. McDonald bring up the rear.

Everybody enjoying good health and happiness.

Al. Boyd, please write Charles English at once.

Regards to all.

NOTES FROM EPH. WILLIAMS' TROUBADOURS.

We are in the Garden of Eden of America, the east coast of Florida. Our first stand, Daytona, Fla., we had a packed house. Of course we had to enjoy automobiling, bathing and boating which this famous resort is noted for. There are several colored shows in our immediate vicinity, namely, the Southern Smart Set, Florida Blossoms, A. G. Allen's Minstrels and several others; all doing nicely from reports. But the prestige of Eph Williams' Silas Green Company remains second to none. Giving the best all-around satisfaction of any black show in this territory, and is owned, managed and controlled solely by colored people. Clifton Boyd, our contortionist, has been on the sick list, but is up and on the job again.

ABOARD A. G. ALLEN'S PRIVATE CAR.

P. L. Jenkins Writes From Bradentown, Fla.

We are still in Florida, playing along the Gulf coast this week, and everybody is well and happy with the exception of Lew V. Watts, of the acrobatic team of Watts Brothers, who is slightly indisposed, but is rapidly recovering....Mr. Geo. W. Quine, our genial manager, is mourning the loss of his pet water spaniel, "Don," which was stolen recently at Lake City, Fla.......Clifford Brooks, tenor vocalist, continues to score in singing "Down by the Old Mill Stream."....Chas. E. Rice, interlocutor and robust basso, sends regards to all friends.

THE CROWN GARDEN.

Tim E. Owsley, Manager.

The Crown Garden offered a good show again this week. Owing to the zero weather, the crowds were small, but those that can get out to see a show go away well satisfied. The first of the entertainers was Mr. Al Boyd in character impersonations, and was well received.

Seals and Fisher offered a real laughable skit, "A Night in a Strange Hotel." Mr. Seals is a very funny comedian, and gets all there is in a comedy part out of it.

Miss Mamie Payne, in new songs and dances, was a real hit. While Miss Payne is not a sweet singer, she is a good dancer, and knows how to put a song over. Mr. Greer, in monologue, told some new jokes and stories, as well as two new songs. Mr. Greer is one of the few monologuists who can keep one laughing without the aid of smut. The audience was handed a real surprise. In a comedy drama, "When Your Sins Find You Out," written and produced by Tim E. Owsley. Mr. Owsley fitted his characters to real colored life. The story was short and well acted and from this one can see the future will bring forth a company of travel artists who will be accepted when tutored and trained by men who know what they are about. Mr. Owsley has fully shown to the public that he is not only an actor, comedian, but an author, producer as well as manager. The following cast played the characters in "When Your Sins Find You Out":

Mose Green, the father....Demos Jones
Sallie Green, the mother...Georgia Davis
Tilly Green, the daughter....Baby Fisher
Dan Rice, in love with Tilly.....Al Boyd
Mary Brown, wife of Dr. Brown.....
..................Cora Boyd
Jake Smith, a farm hand.....B. F. Seals
Dr. Brown, whose sins find him out....
..................Tim E. Owsley

The Crown is the house of good shows, and that's what the people want.

K. C. E.

Notes.

After a brief stay in the Walker theater orchestra, Mr. Clay, the cornetist, is back at the Crown. "And Clay Came Back."

The Crown Garden orchestra is under the direction of Prof. A. W. Kelly, and is composed of the following pieces: A. W. Kelly, violinist; Mr. Grey, piano, Mr. Clay, cornet; Mr. N. Henson, trombone; Mr. H. Woods, trap drums. New and popular standard selections are rendered each week.

THE LYRE, LOUISVILLE, KY.

After two weeks of snow, ice and zero weather, about five hundred enthusiasts turned out Monday night to witness the return of Billy and Grace Arntes, after an absence of six months in the South, and also to hear the sweet melodies of Robert B. Joplin and the three London Kids, direct from Cuba. Joplin opens the act attired as a soldier in "Band, Band, Band," and "What the Band Played," and closed with the "Chinatown Rag." The London Kids made their debut in this section, being backed by ex-Manager Louis A. Evans, during a Southern trip, through Florida. Billy and Grace Arntes closed this short but good bill in good style. Billy is at himself again and is working better than at any time since his return from England. Manager Haley is hustling to build the house up to its standard, as it has run down during the last three months.

The Freeman can be secured from Louis Johnson every Saturday at the Maceo theater, Charleston, S. C.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC

CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

The Battle of Manila and Specialties at Motts' Pekin Theater.

There was an excellent little company of dramatic players at the Pekin which opened on Monday night in the "Battle of Manila," a military play in three acts. The leading role was taken by Charles La Brash, a good actor of some experience. Miss Beatrice Dare looked charming as the general's daughter. Ed Cloris as the general's son, was a most promising young actor. Others in the cast were Bessie Delmore, Edwin James, Lee De Kalb, Harry Martin, H. B. Lewis and Billy Emerson. The company is white, including Col. Brydon's Esquimaux dogs from Sitka, Alaska. Our Buddy Gilmore introduced his new "Cotton Blossom" act, which included six people and their lively singing and dancing electrified everybody from start to finish.

Rogers and Wiley Hit of the Show at the New Grand.

Relying upon the fact that Rogers and Wiley were on the bill as the only colored act, and one that would make good, the New Grand theater was quite comfortably filled at each performance last Monday evening. Rogers is not only a clever comedian, but one of the greatest comedy dancers in the business, and Stella Wiley, who was lavishly gowned, looked prettier than ever on this occasion, reminding those who knew her of days of yore. The team took four encores. The Three Southern Roses was a fair trio of singers whose work managed to give satisfaction. Zelaska and Moore, in "The Operator," was a railroad story that had a realistic representation of a train, invisibly passing. Radcliff and Hall, in child play and the Riva-Larsen troupe of gymnasts, which were very good, completed the bill. The pictures included a "Water War," "Scenes in Scotland," etc. The last half of last week's bill included Mulini Sisters, Melroy Duo, Walter PercivaFl in "A King for a Night," Elsie Murphy and Bradford's Chicken Trust, a lively colored singing skit, which grew better as the days went on.

Billy McCarver, John Goodloe and Fanny Wise Share Honors at the Monogram Theater.

Billy McCarver, with a new partner, Leon Diggs, in a new sketch, was the offering at the Monogram, and the McCarver end of the sketch was as usual an immense laugh provoker, especially his comedy and dancing. Mr. Diggs, who made his first appearance as a talker, made good. His solo, "Dearest Memories," was a gem that exhibited his fine tenor voice to a great advantage. Miss anny Wise, who returns from Washington, D. C., was royally received as usual, her child specialty making a distinct hit. Happy John Goodloe and his wife, who entered upon their second week in an act which created roars of laughter as usual. It was a military sketch and a good one. A colored team which failed to make good was closed, and a white singing and dancing team took their place. The pictures at this house are now drawing attention.

"Night and Day," a New Illustrated Song, Meets Its Reward at the Phoenix Theater.

The unusual, which most always happens, was where photo plays have formerly taken all the encores; this time, Monday evening's song service, illustrated and sung by Hattie May Patton, was "Night and Day," a pretty love song, which made a distinct impression as a romance. Part of the lyric reads like this:

"Night and Day, Night and Day,
Dreaming of you all the while
Come what may, far away;
It seems I see that smile, etc.

A romance of the Cliff Dwellers and a patriotic story were fine photo plays that were worth looking upon.

The Goats actor's organization of Chicago has temporarily suspended owing to a lack of remuneration of their financial resources, but it is hoped that they will soon be able to revive and keep alive.

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Mrs. Cecil Dorsey has returned from a holiday visit to her home in Louisville, Ky. It is Will H. Dorsey, the popular pianist, composer, arranger and leader at the Monogram, who so lavishly indulges his mother.

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Gus Simmons, late of Simmons and Payne, ha sjoined hands with William Gibbs. The team of Simmons and Gibbs was at the American last week. This week they are at the Bijou Dream.

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Mr. Frank Withers, the trombone soloist, has been anxious to hear from his out of town friends. His permanent address is 3010 State street, Chicago, Ill.

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Mr. Harry Harris, brother of the late Skinner Harris, is in town putting a show together which he will take on the road at an early date for the country towns.

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I have been informed by President Miller of the Goats, that an impostor has been collecting money for the burial of Mr. Grundy. Manager Seelig, of the American theater, and Alderman Shufelt are said to have been victims, and detectives are now on his trail. Mr. Grundy who had been a C. V. B. A., was buried by his wife, who carried a heavy insurance on his life.

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Sidney Smith, who has been representing Alonzo Moore, the magician, gave the critic and his friends a wash down prior to his departure for Vancouver, B. C. He and Moore are to sail for Honolulu May the 1st.

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Mr. George Reeves, expert trap drummer at the Monogram theater, fully recovered from his illness some time ago. This is given in answer to several inquiries from patrons of the Marquette, where he recently played traps one hour for the after theater function. So popular and valuable was Reeves to the orchestra that patronage has even fallen off, but it is rumored that he is soon to return.

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Winsome Lillian Brown, the soubrette, is said to have broken all records at the Globe theater, Jacksonville, Fla., where she is making a ten weeks' run. Manager Crowd seems to be the freest man from making mistakes in the Southern field. The orchestra too, which is under the management of Francis Eugene Mikel, is reported to be giving the performers ample satisfaction.

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William D. Evans, formerly manager of the Lyre and Garden theaters of Louisville, Ky., has re-leased the property for ten years and will run a first class vaudeville show and amusement park. Evans represents the Evans Brothers in the venture.

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The closing of the new Walker theater at Indianapolis, Ind., after four days duration, the defects of the house, the blunders of the management and the dwindlement of the patronage are all features of what it means for a young man to herald or misrepresent his value in advance of actual ability and his financial standing by proxy, like counting so many chickens before they are hatched. The passing of Mr. Earl Walker, former manager of the Crown Garden and of the new Walker, theater, which bore his name, but if it opens again should be commemorated to the name of George W. Walker, a man who really did something, we have the passing of a young man whose mistakes must serve as an example for other young men to profit by in the show business. Personally I have nothing against Mr. Walker, but if he did not have sense enough to know that the moment his name went up over the door of a theater that his public work had come prominently into the limelight of praise or criticism, he was foolish. His appearance at the Monogram in Chicago while the Walker theater was being finished, revealed the fact that he had no money himself, while his name was advertised in the Freeman as proprietor of the theater. The criticism he got was no different from what anybody else would have gotten under the same circumstances. His published retaliation further indicated his lack of intelligence. When the end came, quicker than we all had expected, all wise men knew that his assumption to be a great manager without proof of actual ability, meant failure. Mr. Walker has arrived in Chicago, where, I understand, he is to return to the stage as a performer. Rumors of what Mr. Walker has said since his arrival could be damaging against him, but I will not oppose him in any way unless he starts something. While I am not afraid and can mystically defend myself, I have recently cultivated the friendship of a secret service detective, who assures me that in every public place I go on State street, any actor who has ever threatened me, is shadowed. In the meantime, I remain in the field to enlighten ignorant people, who have criminal instincts.

Walker Tid-Bits.

The Walker theater,
Aha, ha! ha!
Went up the spout,
So there you are.

Earl Walker's now a public "fan;"
With pen and ink his name I dub—
If ever he punches the newspaper man,
He'll feel the sting of a detective's club.

MORSELS OF MORALITY.

(Passion.)

I love you, yes, I think I do,
But conscience tells me not;
Only true love's all that's true,
"Of that I quite forgot."

(Love)

If passion's but a silly flash,
That thrills weak people through,
I'll pass up both cheap trash and cash,
And stick, my love, to you.

(The Moral)

Where passion loves most anyone,
True love loves none but you;
There happiness has just begun
And life to you is new.

—SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

SEEN AND HEARD WHILE PASSING.

(By S. Tutt Whitney.)

The new Belmont Theater, Pensacola, Fla., opened January 1, under the most favorable auspices. The theater is entirely fire-proof, with a seating capacity for 450 persons. When completely finished it will be one of the most complete colored theaters in the country. In rebuilding the Belmont Theater, Mr. M. Jacoby did not overlook a single item that would be conducive to the comfort and happiness of patrons and performers while in the Belmont Theater.

Mr. Jacoby is a unique character. He is a rich man, but one would not judge him so frem personal appearance. He has been in the liquor business for more than thirty years, and never touched a drop of whisky in his life. He has been in the show business for nearly ten years; it is his pastime, his toy, but under his sagacious management the toy has proven a profitable one.

Mr. Jacoby is very original in his methods of conducting a theater and managing his people. He never books a performer for more than one performance and never signs a contract. Yet no one has ever worked for Mr. Jacoby and failed to receive the money due him, and Poor Boy Crosby worked at the Belmont for 18 consecutive months.

Mr. Jacoby is a Southerner of the old regime—perennial in friendship, ardent in love, and implacable in hatred. His word is his bond, and his watchword, hospitality. His colloquial powers are well developed; while talking with one his eyes have a merry twinkle and the corners of his mouth twitch with a mischievous smile. Any performer who can deliver the goods will be pleased to work for Mr. Jacoby.

Jacksonville, Fla.

That the Negroes of Jacksonville are still among the most progressive in the Union is manifested by the fact that they are operating successfully two of the finest theaters in the country controlled by colored people.

The Globe, owned and managed by Frank Crowd, is well known, and is playing to profitable business. Mr. Frank Montgomery is amusement director and producer, and is doing commendable work, which is giving excellent satisfaction. Mr. Montgomery is assisted by his wife, who is conspicuous for her beauty and her versatility.

Muriel Ringold, with her inimitable facial expressions, excellent singing and clever dancing, was easily the head of a good vaudeville bill.

The new Lincoln Theater, under the management of Mr. Robb, is also doing a profitable business. It is a very beautiful house, situated diagonally across the street from the Globe. The rivalry between these theaters is of the friendly sort. Mr. Crowd and Mr. Robb realize there is profit enough for both, if their business is rightly conducted.

Mr. Sank Simms, late of the Smart Set Company and the Whitney Musical Comedy Company, is amusement director of the Lincoln. For three years Mr. Simms was associated with myself in stock work. He is conscientious and a hard worker, which makes him eminently fitted for a position like the one he is now holding so successfully. The clever work of his wife, Blanche Simms, contributes largely to his success.

The old reliable Billy Bradley is stage manager. He has had a large and varied experience from which to draw, the good effects of which are manifested in the smoothness with which the performances are given.

The imitations of Susie Sutton, the singing of Claybourne Jones and the singing sketch by Dolly Stewart and Carrie Stieth were the features of an excellent vaudeville bill. The show closed with a bright little comedy, written by Simms and Bradley, entitled "The Detective," which gave George Taylor a chance to dispense some genuine comedy. He kept the audience in a continuous roar of merriment. His work is clean and bears the stamp of originality.

The orchestra at the Globe is under Prof. Michael. The one at the Lincoln is under Prof. Montgomery. Both are very good and are a valuable asset, indispensable to a good performance.

CURRENT NEWS OF CHICAGO

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series of expert pool games will be played at the Keystone, of which Mr. John Fry is proprietor, and Holt's and White's places. After several expert games are played, the final game will be played at Fry's place for the championship. Those in different classes will be named next week.

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Miss Marguerite Huggins, one of the popular girls of the South Side, entertained with whist on Wednesday night of this week.

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Mr. Sam Evans has returned to the city from a trip to Cairo, Ill., where he has been to see his mother.

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Mr. A. N. Johnson, of Nashville, Tenn., one of the leading undertakers of that city and regarded as one of the most successful business men in the South, has been in Chicago for several days on business. At an early date he will open a most up-to-date Negro theater at Nashville. The house will seat 1,500, will be gorgeous with scenery and equipped with all modern paraphernalia for the new Majestic.

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Mr. Henry Allen Boyd is expected to pas through the city the latter part of the month en route to Canada on business. He will be in company with his father and several distinguished men from Nashville, Tenn.

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Within the next week there will be organized in this city a National Colored Roosevelt League. Several prominent lawyers will take the lead in the organization.

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Mrs. Celia Dorsey, mother of Mr. W. H. Dorsey, of the Monogram theater orchestra, has arrived in the city after a delightful visit at Louisville, Ky.

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Mrs. Letitia Harper Davis, formerly of this city but now of London, England, is in the city stopping with Mrs. Dan Budd, 3133 Wabash avenue. She was accompanied with her young son Dannie.

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Mr. R. H. Payne and Mr. J. I. Harper left this week for Indianapolis, Ind., on theatrical business. They will return the last of the week.

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Miss Sadie Smith, a very charming girl of this city who has been in Canada for the past six months, is in the city for a three weeks' visit. She is having a delightful time sleigh riding.

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The Anecreon Club, of which Miss Floy Stephens is president, will give a leap year party at her residence on next Tuesday night. Several engagements are expected to be transacted on that night. More young girls have married from this club recently than from any other club in the city. It is one of the leading society clubs of the Windy City.

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The many friends of Mrs. Haydee Campbell, of St. Louis, Mo., are pleased to learn that she left Provident Hospital last week where she was subjected to an operation by Dr. George C. Hall. The operation was of a most serious nature, but she is out and was at the home of Dr. and Mrs. George Hall for several days. She left the latter part of the week for her home.

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The National Guards from the States of Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin will participate in maneuvers with the United States Regulars either at Fort Sheridan or Fort Schnelling. This means that the Eighth Regiment of this city will be scheduled for participation. The information was sent out from the war department.

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The announcement of the marriage of Miss Anita Lapiere, of New Orleans, to Mr. Wesley Wilson, of Mobile, Ala., has been received here by Miss Bertha Young. Miss Young and several of Miss Lapiere's friends of Chicago expect to attend the wedding.

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Miss Mary White Overton, of New York City, is very much interested in the circulation of good literature among the colored people. She suggested to a body that a squadron of girls work up a large circulation for the Crisis. She said that girls in New York are making money on such a venture.

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Edward H. Morris, the well-known attorney and grand master of the Odd Fellows, was given a stag on Monday night at the Odd Fellows' Hall. Mr. Morris has just returned from the East, where he has been attending a meeting of the sub-committee of management of the Odd Fellows.

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Already Hon. J. E. Bush, of Little Rock, Ark., has written to your correspondent that he is going to have a larger delegation to the National Negro Business League than at Louisville or any other previous meeting. Mr. Bush is a man of his word, and we look to see a monster delegation from Arkansas.

HELENA, ARK.

Champaign, Ill., Special.

The sudden death of Logan Reed caused widespread gloom in this community. He was a Christian gentleman, always ready to help in the right direction. Church and society will miss him, also thousands of friends. He was for years umpire in baseball circles. He leaves a wife and three children. The pride of a happy household is gone on that immortal voyage never to return. To express the respect and esteem felt for him by all who knew him is a task at which feeble words must pause. It was well to have known him and it is with a heart full of sorrow that we give to him for this life a last lingering farewell.

ROCKFORD, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Edward Lee, who has been sick for three months, is out again....Mr. C. R. Gorum, who opened a barber shop, reading room and pool room, is doing nicely. Will be glad to meet all strangers when in our city call on him......Mr. Clarence R. Gorum entertained a number of his friends at his home, 301 Stewart avenue, Sunday evening, January 7, 1912. Music was furnished by the Hill brothers. Whist was the feature of the evening. There were twenty-six present and they enjoyed the evening immensely....Mr. James Dochier and family, of Beloit, Wis., were in our city Sunday visiting relatives and friends......Mr. Mack Ross, who has been on the sick list, is improving nicely..Mr. Wm. Goodlow is at home suffering fron a severe cold. Hope he will be out soon.

ROUTE.

S. H. DUDLEY, In "Dr. Beans From Boston"—Chicago, Ill., week of January 21, 1912.

BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY—Atlanta, Ga., January 22, 23; Athens, 24; Macon, 25; Fitzgerald, 26; Americus, 27.

JOLLY JOHN LARKINS—Sherman, Tex., January 22; Gainesville, 23; Wichita Falls, 24; Bowie, 25; Anadarka, 26; Purcell, Okla., 27.

J. LUBRIE HILL, in "My Friend From Dixie"—Boston, Mass., week of January 22.

GEORGIA CAMP MEETING COMPANY—Greenville, Mich., January 22, 23, 24.

GEORGIA MINSTRELS—Maricopa, Cal., January 22.

PROF. EPH. WILLIAMS TROUBADOURS—Miami, Fla., January 22, 23; Key West, 25.

LOWRY AND MORGAN'S MINSTRELS—DeSoto, Mo., January 22; Jefferson City, 24; Sedalia, 25; Higginsville, 26; Warrensburg, 27.

LETTER LIST.

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Cross, Tom
Childs, W. H.
Culligan, T. J.
Carter, Paul.
Dudley, E. B.
English, Ed.
Howard, Ed. L.
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Harris, Geo.
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Perkins, Master D.
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Sheftel, Joseph.
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Straughter, Edward
Timmons, Willie.
Thomas, W. A.
Taylor, Geo.
Valentine, Alex.
Wolfscale, Geo.
Wise, Hen.
Wise, James
Wright, A. A.
Winn, oJe.
Zeeke, Billy.

Ladies' List.

Bright, Miss Gussie.
Edwards, Laura.
Mme. LaBelle Glenn.
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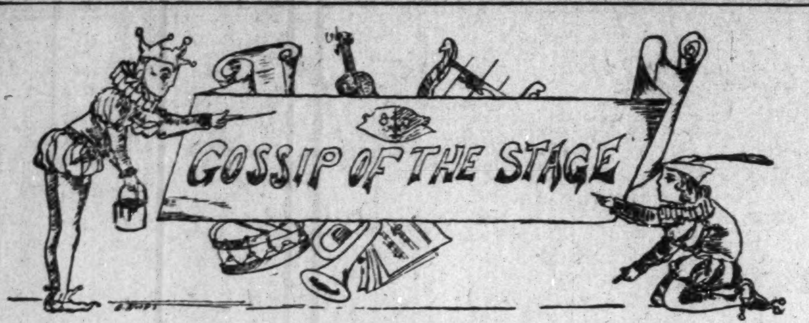

Mrs. Navie Coleman Lewis, formerly of Indianapolis, but lately of Chicago, has gone to Europe to study music.

Ward and Smith, the "Black Dockstader" and the "Dancing Sunbeam," at the Lyric Theater, Newport News, Va., week of January 15.

Mack and Mack (Billie and Mary) are still the leading people with "Hal Hunt's Georgia Minstrels." Address Jackson, Miss., or care Freeman.

After four years with the Ten Dark Knights, J. W. Mobley will be at liberty after the week of January 14. At Poli's theater, Scranton, Pa., last week.

Pitt and Westcott have just closed a two weeks' successful engagement at the Dixie theater, Charlotte, N. C., now at the Lyric theater, Wilmington, N. C.

Leon the Magician and ventriloquist, after spending the Christmas with his parents in Jacksonville, Fla., is now touring Florida towns. Opens in Tampa January 15.

Jack Ginger and brother have just closed a successful engagement of five weeks at the Lyric theater, Wilmington, N. C. Will open at the Central theater, Atlanta, Ga.

Wilson and Davis are bringing us back to dear old happy school days in a sketch of that kind at the Crown Garden theater this week. You don't get them any funnier than Wilson.

J. W. Noble, Geo. Hurd, Arthur Ford and H. C. Washington, members of the Alabama quartette, were in the city last Friday. Having great success through Indiana, under the Porter Lyceum Bureau.

Louis A. Evans, manager of the Lyre Theater, was tried for the killing of Albert S. White, a lawyer of Louisville, and was freed by the jury in less than 40 minutes. Col. Bennett H. Young was for the defense, while Edwards & Khon were with the prosecution.

NOTES FROM EPH WILLIAMS' TROUBADOURS.

This week finds us on the east coast of Florida, a veritable "Garden of Eden." Business is better than ever, a lot of hunting parties, headed by Jesse Reeves, trombone soloist, go out daily to chase the elusive rabbits, squirrels and quail. Prof. Williams and wife outdid all previous efforts in their Christmas anniversary to the company. They spent over $400.00 in real money in presents and refreshments. All the male members of the company who have been with the company two years received a suit of clothes, and all the ladies received a dress pattern. Everybody out of the forty-two persons with the show was substantially remembered. In all my experience I have never seen such liberality extended by any manager, and as Prof. Eph Williams is a colored manager it speaks volumes. And no one need wonder at his success. Leon Long, the magician, was a pleasant visitor at Deland, New Years. Baby Josephine is the one big feature with the show; her singing and dancing are a riot. George Baken continues to improve his already strong wire act, and Master Clifton Boyd, the boy contortionist, another novelty, is a marvel of flexibility.. John Campbell, the magician, and wife join shortly. Miss Susie Price and Flo Russell, in their respective lines, are all that could be desired. Bessie Edgington, the wooden shoe buck dancer, never fails to get the turkey. Our comedians, Tom Price, Wm. Mayfield and "Happy" Lewis, are furnishing fun fast and furious. Our mixed quartette, composed of Misses Price and Russell and Messrs. Fisher and Ivey, are harmonists of a high order. Joe Mann, bone soloist, is a feature of our concert. R. H. Collins, the bandmaster, has a band that is a band. Fred Keevley, our clarinettist and orchestra leader, has a well-balanced orchestra, that plays second to none. R. J. Anderson, cornet and trap drummer will soon be back home. Will Goff Kennedy, general performer and stage manager, is tooting his mellophone, singing to the accompaniment of the band daily in their daily concerts, and is a busy man. W. A. Baynard, late of the Smart Set, is doing the straight in "Silas Green," our principal musical comedy, with credit. Kennedy says hello to Dorsey and friends, and says while you are making snowballs he will pick oranges in the land of flowers.

CINCINNATI THEATERS.

The Pekin—The Gaither.

The Pekin Theater opened Monday night this week with a good, lively stock company, under the direction of the well-known comedian, William Harper, better known as Billy Harper, who is looked upon to-day as the coming comedian before the American public, and a logical successor to the late Ernest Hogan. The offering this week is a female minstrel, with a little comedy finale for the closing, where Dink Stewart, that funny, eccentric comedian, takes the part of a colored minister at a camp meeting. All the funny parts that could possibly be produced are brought out by the chief entertainers, Stewart and Harper. The curtain raises on a minstrel scene, where five beautiful ladies take the parts as up-to-date minstrel men. Miss Alberta Perkins and Carrie Hall are on the ends; Miss Jennie Troy takes the part of interlocutor, while Miss Bessie Hocker and Maud Berry fill out other prominent parts. Some very funny, up-to-date jokes are used, and the singing of the ladies was a feature. Miss Berry sang "Honeyman" and scored heavily. Miss Hocker was compelled to take several encores. Miss Jennie Troy sang a ballad entitled "Down by the Old Mill Stream," that was very popular, while the two ladies on the end nearly stopped the show. Miss Hall sang "Carolina Rag" and Miss Perkins sang "Sweetness." Harper and Stewart were highly complimented by the manager for the excellent way they arranged the show, and it has been generally predicted that with a couple more numbers the act would be ready for the road, over big time.

The Gaither Theater has a good bill every day, with a complete change of moving pictures. The vaudeville consists of the celebrated ventriloquist, John Woods, assisted by little Johnnie Woods, whose services are almost indispensable. A ventriloquist act is always a novelty on the avenue, as only a few come this way, and this is the best act of them all, Mr. Woods having perfect control of his voice. He will give a special matinee Sunday afternoon for the children.

NOTES FROM LA SHE'S GEORGIA COON SHOUTERS.

We opened January 8th at Linwood, Mich., for three nights. The company consists of six people, three ladies and three gentlemen. While at home, resting, La She will rewrite "My Play College Days in Dixie Land." Will stage it the coming season on or after August. Will carry twenty people.

DUDLEY WANTS TO KNOW.

The Little Comedian Writes on a Subject That Is of Material Interest to All Stageland.

We received a few days ago the following letter from S. H. Dudley, the well-known comedian, now starring in the "Smart Set." We submit the letter to the public on its face value with my hearty endorsement of its principles. The letter follows:

Chicago, Ill., December 14, 1911.

Indianapolis Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Sir—I am adopting this method of putting up squarely to any prominent Negroes throughout the country who may be interested in theatricals the following questions, which I trust will be answered through your valuable columns. The things I wish to know are as follows:

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Very truly yours,
S. H. DUDLEY.

THE BROOKS-SMITH PLAYERS CLOSE ENGAGEMENT HERE.

Depart For Long Run at St. Louis House.

Last Sunday night saw the closing of the year 1911 as well as the long run of the Brooks-Smith Players at the Crown Garden theater in this city and it was a memorable one. During the six weeks that the company of ten players had held the boards at this house they had won an enviable reputation. In appreciation of the fact a long line of ardent admirers came and bade their favorites a fond farewell, adding a successful New Year to the whole troupe.

The Brooks-Smith Players have been a creditable class of performers in the way of stock productions. The various plays and playlets written and produced by Marion A. Brooks were all of the highest order and showed originality in its strictest form. The lines of comedy that ran importantly through every play was fresh, true and vigorous. He does not shine as an actor, but he is a real playwright, born and bred. These plays always pleased the people because the players are talented people and know how to get all there is to get out of their lines. Speedy Smith is a hard-working, earnest and funny comedian. He is natural and therefore is not apt to have a single imitator because he has a voice, stature and laughing manner that can be met up with very seldom in a life time. The feminine roles were at all times ably taken care of, especially the leading lady, Miss Teresa Burroughs, who is particularly winsome in all of her portrayals of character. Few of our actresses have gained the knowledge of the beauties of art as has she. Also Miss Ludella Price, Mrs. Brown and Miss Trixie Smith show up vivid in their lines. The return of the Brooks-Smith Players is looked forward to and will be happily greeted in these parts

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Henry Batt and Jack Ginger were at the Lyric Theater during the week of January 1, featuring a big chorus. The Wiggins Bros. closed the opening with one of their fast, catchy songs, "We Are the Real Ones." Miss Lucile McGinty opened the olio, singing that well-known song, "Casey Jones," and "The Washington Rag." J. Lester McDaniels came with his funny sayings and trick bicycle riding. Batt Wiggins and Jack Wiggins gave their own act, entitled "From Bellboys to Zulus." Little Batts, the female impersonator, says that he has all Crow Janes skinned to death featuring "The Monkey Rag" and other good songs. Jack Ginger still holds the championship of all dancers through the South. Miss Blanch Russell sings the classy song, "Beautiful Doll." Closed at Pekin, Richmond, Va., after six weeks. Will open Central Theater, Atlanta, Ga., January 15.

JOHNSON AND ROPER.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Johnson and Roper are again with us, after an absence of two weeks, and are again demonstrating that their popularity is the everlasting kind. They are greeted with deafening applause on their every appearance, and their neat and nifty appearance is much remarked about. These two young ladies are credited with bringing more new acts than any other sister team seen in these parts, and their continued success is of the deserving kind and well merited. Up and onward, young ladies, and seemingly insurmountable obstacles shall fall as chaff before the wind.

EUGENE KING, OF KING AND BAILEY, DIES ABROAD IN GERMANY.

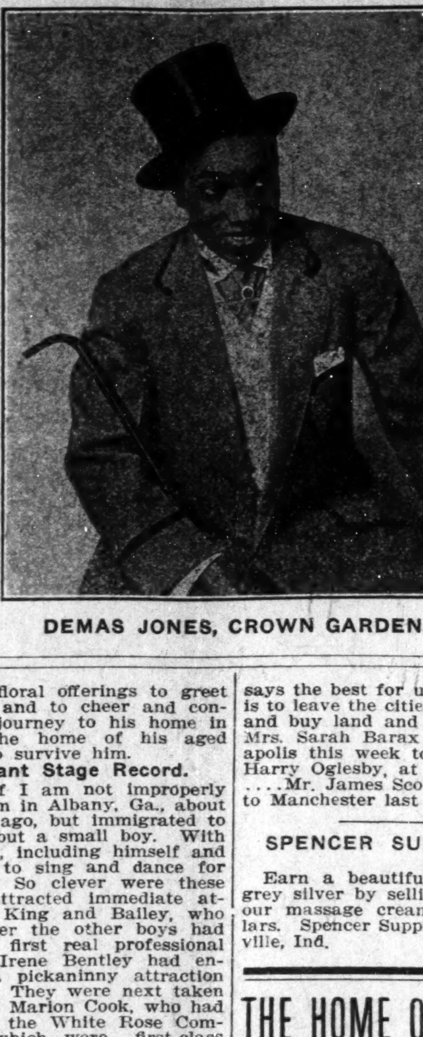
Body on Its Way to America to Be Buried at His Albany Home.

(By Sylvester Russell.)

When news that Eugene King was dying of hasty consumption in Copenhagen reached the ears of his most intimate friends in America late last month, none of them were willing to believe that one so young had been stricken in robust health by that inevitable malady which conjures certain death.

According to report, when King and Bailey arrived in Germany, Eugene had contracted a cold from which he had never fully recovered, but still worked continually at times when he was hardly fit, but ignored his real condition until such a time when his constitution gave unmistakable evidences of suffering and final decay. When the worse had come he was immediately sent to the hospital where he died on November 22. Although tidings of his illness had been sent to his friends across the sea, news of his death did not reach America until arrangements had been made to send the body home, accompanied by his wife, Mamie King.

After word had been cabled to Frank Clemonto, of the Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association of New York, that the corpse would be on the way to America, arrangements were immediately made for the C. V. B. A. to meet the body on its arrival, with floral offerings to greet his faithful wife and to cheer and console her on her journey to his home in the Southland, the home of his aged grandparents, who survive him.



DEMAS JONES, CROWN GARDEN.

King's Brilliant Stage Record.

Eugene King, if I am not improperly informed, was born in Albany, Ga., about twenty-five years ago, but immigrated to New York when but a small boy. With a quartet of boys, including himself and Leo Bailey, used to sing and dance for a hat collection. So clever were these boys that they attracted immediate attenion, especially King and Bailey, who clung ogether after the other boys had separated. Their first real professional work was when Irene Bentley had engaged them as a pickaninny attraction for her company. They were next taken in charge bly Will Marion Cook, who had them placed with the White Rose Company, both of which were first-class shows. Their next successful but eventful venture was when Hen Wise, of Wise and Milton, secured them as pickaninies for a western tour, where they made quite a reputation, so much so that they were able to pilot their own way back to Chicago, where they were secured as the opening attraction for Pony Moore's new Palace Theater.

Their first really notable engagement was when Manager Voelckel, of the Black Patti Company, sorely in need of a good team of comedians, accepted of King and Bailey, who were recommended by J. Ed. Green. They immediately made a hit with the show, but through differences with the stage manager they retired. It was after this engagement that George W. Walker had become interested in the two most talented youngsters of their race and placed them in a big act known as Williams and Walker's "Chocolate Drops," playing on the big time exclusively.

After the death of Mr. Walker the name and act were continued under the management of George L. Archer, with William Barker as his road representative. Two seasons ago the act played in Chicago and the west so successfully that they were not only sent for to go to New York, but offers for their services in Europe were so great that Manager Archer could not resist, and they sailed at once for London, England, where they opened with a record-breaking success, and they were hailed everywhere on the continent as the only legitimate successors to Williams and Walker.

Personal Memoirs of the Actor.

It was not until the arrival of King and Bailey in Chicago a little over two seasons ago that I had the pleasure of seeing and meeting them. Gene King's wonderful versatility as a comedian impressed me in particular. His beautiful singing voice, nimble foot manipulation and intelligent aptitude easily placed him as the greatest boy comedian of his time of any race. So remarkable was his original conception of "If He Comes in I'm Going Out" that he had no rivals but many imitators. Their appearance at the Pekin Theater was a world beater. Manager Robert T. Motts, Hon. Edward Green, Mrs. Fred Cary and William Foster were especially devoted to these two boys. My personal interviews and association with Eugene King were features I am proud to relate. He was first of all intelligent, according to their station and accomplishments, and always conducted himself at all times as a gentleman. This one token of high esteem which the history of his life leaves as a great moral to some actors who are ashamed of their records, will ever live to the credit of a youthful life which was unfortunately wasted entirely too early because of carelessness of his health.

In order to become more closely acquainted with King and Bailey, I took them one night to the Stephens Cafe on State street for a light midnight lunch of buttered oast and coffee. King told me of their early history and I remember impressing up his mind the importance of adopting the essentials of knowing how to keep good health. We conversed until two o'clock, and both he and his partner were so happy after their first big conference with the critic they had heard about but never before seen, that I could see their hearts were all enrapture as we parted for hom in the moonlight.

And now, as the earthly tie of King and Bailey severs, Eugene King whose voice is now silent bids all his friends goodbye through The Freeman and perhaps his spirit with a sigh is whispering to us to take good care of Mamie and to look after Leo Bailey.

WARNS THE PERFORMERS.

Globe Theater, Jacksonville, Fla.

Notice to all performers coming South. If you book into the Central Theater, Atlanta, Ga., be sure that your contracts are signed by L. D. Joel, the theatrical king, but if signed Joel & Bailey look out. Joel is all right, but Bailey is nothing. He is nothing but a cracker from the back woods of Georgia, and he cannot stand prosperity. The next house I am going to speak about is the Dixie Theater, Tampa, Fla. The manager is a Jew and new in the business. He has a stage manager in name only, as the Jew is stage manager, boss and everything himself. This would-be stage manager, J. H. Campbell, claims to be a performer, but knows as much about show business as my dog Royal. The manager at the Dixie is unreliable, so beware of the Dixie. The only house that is O. K. to work is the Airdome. Mr. Whitley is a prince. He knows how to treat a performer. Now if you do not want to be stung stay away from Dixie Theater. From one who has been stung,

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MODOC, IND.

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Mr. Wm. Stewart and wife spent a few days in Dayton last week....Mr. Conrad Stewart has returned from Marion, Ind., to spend the greater part of the winter with his son-in-law, Mr. Samuel Ladd.... Aunt Mary Weaver keeps quite well for an old lady of 106 years of aget....Mrs. Dessie Outland, of Muncie, is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Outland....Mrs. Wm. Sems, (Mary Sawyer) has a fine baby girl. They are now living at 1413 East Eighth street, Muncie, Ind. ....Have you anything special to say?... Rev. Butler, of Richmond, held service here last Sunday as usual....Miss Celestial Smothers left this week for Benton Harbor and Chicago, visiting relatives and friends....Mr. C. H. Smothers has been oqffered $110 per acre for his 80-acre farm, but he refuses to take it. He says the best for us all as far as possible is to leave the cities and go to the country and buy land and be your own boss.... Mrs. Sarah Barax will leave for Indianapolis this week to visit her sister, Mrs. Harry Oglesby, at 811 N. Senate avenue. ....Mr. James Scott made a business trip to Manchester last week.

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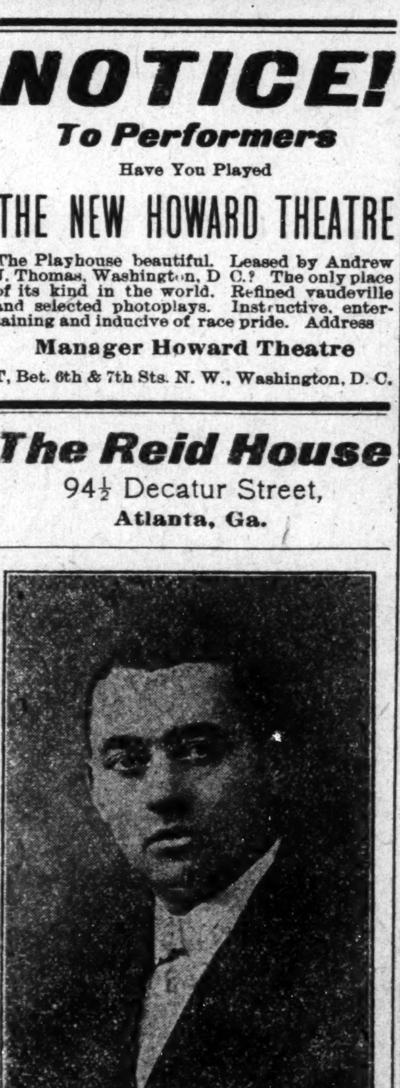

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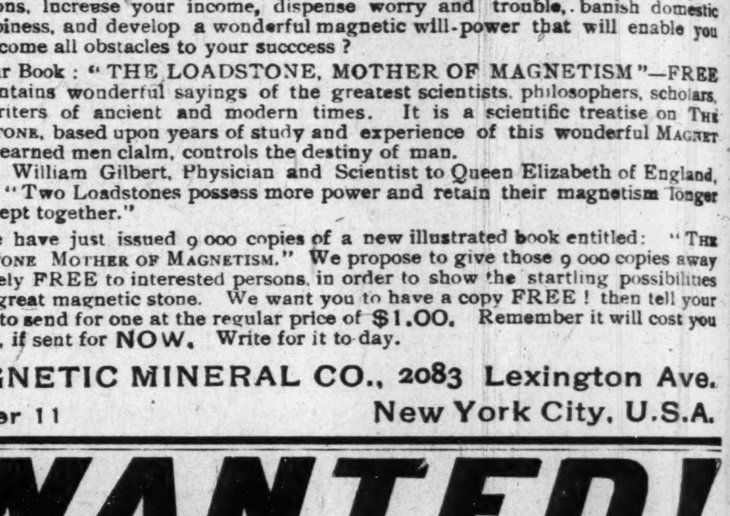

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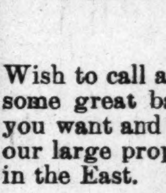

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SPORTING NEWS.

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It is being said that New York fight fans and the sporting writers refuse to take interest in the Johnson-Flynn fight. They say that if the fight is on the level that Jack Johnson will beat Flynn to death inside of ten rounds.

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Le Roy Bird, of the Douglass Center Athletic Club, the champion lightweight colored wrestler, is booked for five matches at Hawthorn, Ill. The first match will probably introduce Fred Robinson (white) of Cleveland, O. Bird is open to meet any man at 135 pounds.

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On Friday, December 29, at the Pekin theater, Chicago, Ill., Villa Vincent, threw three men in 26 minutes. Wilson in six minutes; De Birney in 13 minutes, and the Rough Dutchman, weighing 199 pounds, in 7 minutes. When an unknown wrestler appeared to challenge and throw Vincent on a wage, Vincent was willing to meet him but the audience refused to entertain the wrestler who insisted on withholding his name.

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NEW YORK.—Jack Johnson will not be seen in action in New York, the state boxing comission having put the ban on the Negro fighter. Johnson had been offered $15,000 to fight Joe Jeannette before the Empire A. C. and it was believed he would accept. Boxing Commissioner O'Neill declared he would resign from the commission before he would permit the fight. No battles could be held until a commissioner was appointed, and, in view of Governor Dix's attitude, it is not believed he would name a successor to O'Neill.

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CHICAGO.—Jack Johnson probably will fight a ten-round battle with someone before May 1, after which he must engage in no more contests until he has met Jim Flynn, according to the articles of agreement. Just who the champion's opponent will be is not known. He has several offers under consideration. "I think it will be good practice for me to mix with some good strong fighter for ten rounds before I meet Flynn," said Johnson. "And then—" Here Johnson gazed admiringly at his big racing machine. "Well, the $15,000 I'd get for a short bout would buy a lot of gasoline."

AND JACK GOT BACK AT "GENTLEMAN JIM."

Accusses Corbett of Attempting Bribery on Him.

CHICAGO, January 9.—"Jim Corbett and a Chicago theatrical man offered me $100,000 to lay down to Al Kaufmann after I had defeated Jim Jeffries and demonstrated that I was the greatest fighter in the world.

"When I returned from Australia, where I won the championship of the world from Tommy Burns, Jim Corbett and the same theatrical magnate visited me and offered me a substantial prize if I would consent to fake ten rounds with Corbett and assist in rebuilding Gentleman Jim's reputation."

These were the answers Jack Johnson made to the signed statements of Jim Corbett to the effect that Johnson was the luckiest of champions, that he was dodging fights with the best of the present day heavyweights, that he was a man of doubtful courage and that he was hogging it by demanding $30,000 for his end of a purse for a world's championship fight.

The dusky champion not only accused Corbett of trying to get him to participate in a fake, but tore a few of the boquets off the record of Sullivan's conqueror.

"Take a look at Corbett's record," said Johnson. "He only fought two or three square fights. His contest with Charlie Mitchell at Jacksonville was a raw fake. Mitchell laid down to him. He lost his fight with Tom Sharkey in New York on a foul to keep from being beaten in a more decisive way. And last, but not least, his fake contest with Kid McCoy put the boxing game out of commission in New York for a long time.

"And this is the man who says I have no nerve—this man whom I'll swear came to me and asked me to let him stay ten rounds with me in order that he might look like the real 'come back.'

"When Corbett was champion he never fought a good young fellow. Yet he says I am a staller.

"I have a witness to the offer that Corbett made to me to let him stay ten rounds. He and the theatrical man came to see me when I was living with Toots Marshall in South Dearborn street, and made me the proposition. No definite sum was stated as my part of the job, but I was given to understand that I would be paid well.

"I turned down this proposition, and then right after my fight with Jeffries, when the cry for a white champion was shouted everywhere, the same pair asked me to let Kaufman beat me and placed my pay at $100,000.

"Corbett has criticised me for holding out for $30,000 for my end of a championship fight purse. Why shouldn't I? This is the amount Tommy Burns got for fighting me. I fhe was worth that much as a champion, I think I should be given the same sum. I never yet have tried to defend my claim to the championship by fake fights, and that is considerably more than some of my critics can say."

This Caused the Row.

In The News and other papers last Saturday Corbett accused Johnson of being the greatest staller in the history of pugilism. Among other things he said:

"When Johnson fought Jeffries, he drew the capital prize of pugilism. Any ordinary heavyweight could have defeated the Jeffries that appeared in the ring that fateful Fourth of July. The nervous collapse left that once invincible champion practically helpless. Those who witnessed the fight realize that fact."

JACK JOHNSON STALLER, SO SAYS JIM CORBETT.

Wants Something Easy and All the Money to Fight.

By James J. Corbett,

Former Heavyweight Champion of the World.

PHILADELPHIA, January 6.—How long is the American sporting public going to stand for the stalling tactics of Jack Johnson? Filling my theatrical engagement in this city this last week I have come in contact with a great many well posted fight fans, and the Quaker City can boast of quite a number, take it from me. The absorbing topic of conversation has been the prospects for a heavyweight championship battle before another year has passed over our heads.

The consensus of opinion is that Johnson has no appetite for a fight with McVey, Jeannette, Langford or anybody else who figures to have a chance and that he will delay matters as long as he possibly can.

And by the same token, for pure unadulterated gall Jack's oft repeated demands of $30,000 win, lose or draw, put the Negro in a class by himself.

The fact that Johnson is the champion does not grant him the privilege of dictating exorbitant and unreasonable terms to those less fortunate beings who would do battle for the title. Whether or not his demands are granted by McIntosh or any other promoter has no bearing on the question.

A champion who insists upon such outrageous and one-sided conditions does not want to fight, and that's all there is to it. Johnson chased Tommy Burns to Australia, and agreed to the latter's terms because he felt he had it on the Canadian; he is not so sure of Jeannette, McVey et al. And besides the chance the championship was worth more than a guarantee of the big end of the purse, especially when there appeared to be little risk in losing out in the attempt.

Fans Growing Disgusted.

Johnson is mighty lucky in that the public has stood for him so long. The fans would hardly have tolerated in a white man what they have overlooked in the Negro. And this because they would otherwise be accused of race prejudice. But the people who make the game profitable are fast growing disgusted with the stalling methods of this fellow. This is patent to those who keep in touch with the sport.

It would be an entirely different matter if there was no one qualified to meet the champion. But McVey, Langford and Jeannette, three of his own color, have the public approval and have long been begging for opportunities to fight for the title. These men have conceded all reasonable points, and a few more, to the champion; but that worthy has stalled for the guaranteed $30,000 (win, lose or draw), $5,000 training expenses and the big end of the picture privilege.

When Jeffries gave Johnson the chance to become undisputed champion the purse was split 60 per cent to the winner and 40 per cent to the loser. The original agreement called for 75 and 25, but according to best authorities Johnson begged for an equal division and Jeffries finally consented to let it go at 60 and 40. Obviously Johnson had little confidence.

Johnson has frequently been accused of having "yellow" in his makeup, and while I hesitate to accuse any man of lack of courage, there is much evidence to support the charges. The change in the original Jeff-Johnson articles of agreement goes far to substantiate them.

John L. Sullivan, for many years the idol of every lover of boxing, did not "hog" everything in sight when he fought. The Sullivan-Corbett contest at New Orleans was for a purse of $25,000 and a $10,000 side bet, winner take all. And it was not stage money, either.

The Mitchell-Corbett fight involved the championship of the world and a purse of $20,000. Peter Jackson, the greatest colored heavyweight ever known, boxed me for a $10,000 prize.

Jeff Gave Fitz a Chance.

The Fitzsimmons-Corbett Carson City combat was conducted on a percentage basis. There was no guarantee and the championship was at stake. Jim Jeffries was not a staller; he was always ready and willing to fight. After winning the championship he met all challengers as fast as they came along.

Jeff gave Fitzsimmons a chance to win the title back, extended the same courtesy to me, and had two contests apiece with Sharkey and Ruhlin, and always on a percentage basis.

How do the records of these men compare with Johnson's? None was ever accused of "hogging" it, and they were all sportsmen enough to take even chances for the coin.

The present holder of the championship would much rather not fight at all; or if he must to confine his operations to the "white hope" contingent in limited bouts—men who are novices at the game. I have it on good authority that he has been angling for matches of this sort ever since that easy money affair in England was called off.

Johnson would agree to box a ten-round bout with Flynn, Palzer, Kennedy or Morris for less than $30,000, believe me. Why? Because he figures it a comparatively easy job to outpoint any one of these men. But if in a year or so, Palzer, for example, has developed into a worthy challenger will Johnson be eager to hox him?

Jack is quoted as saying that there is no money for him in fighting another Negro. Hugh McIntosh's many offers put the lie to that statement. It looks as if the champion will sign to box Flynn in order to get out of a match with either McVey or Jeannette. Flynn looks easier game than the colored men who are more equal to Johnson in size and weight. It is a poor match.

The champion's word apparently is worthless. He repudiated the agreement made while abroad to fight in Sidney this winter in which he was guaranteed $25,000. I doubt if he is on the level now.

At his best Johnson can be put in the records as a lucky champion. Fortunately for him he "arrived" when the quality of heavyweights was fast deteriorating. A few years earlier he would have been contemporary with such stars as Fitzsimmons, McCoy, Ruhlin, Sharkey, Maher and Jeffries in their prime. What his chances would have been to clean up that bunch I leave to the judgment and opinion of my readers.

Jeff the Capital Prize.

When he fought Jeffries he drew the capital prize of professional pugilism. Any ordinary heavyweight could have defeated the Jeffries that appeared in the ring that fateful Fourth of July. The nervous collapse left the once invincible champion practically helpless. Those who witnessed the fight realize that fact.

Outside of his ability as a boxer, and he falls short of the ideal, Johnson can truthfully be said to bag the prize as champion staller. He has turned down many handsome offers to do battle.

JACK JOHNSON.

Juli Jones, Jr.

Champion Jack Johnson of four hundred million people, this four hundred million includes England, France, Australia and America, that about covers the countries where prize fighting is one of the star attractions in sport. To think of it, the best man in four hundred million. Johnson is every inch of it, and looks today as he did before he put poor Jim Jeffries away—but to think how he can joke the public any way he chooses, and has a little robe around Jim Corbett's horns. He has got everybody up a tree as to what he is going to do next. Johnson has signed an agreement to meet Jim Flynn, the fireman, to fight in July, is his last press move. Now the public is waiting for its next blow.

As to the Flynn match. No knocking, as it sounds too much like a real joke. Jim Flynn, whom the whole world knows is not a good second rater, has been knocked out by every man he has met that had any class to him; he has the reputation of knocking out Al Kaufmann, who was knocked out by a raw novice last week. Jim Flynn bested that big country rube, Carl Morris, who knows as much about fighting as a wash woman knows about making an automobile. That's a fine record to stack up against Jack Johnson. The funny part of it is Johnson is to receive 30,000 plunks for his trouble, that is, if he has any with Flynn, which the writer doubts and every other man that has enough common sense to tell the time by an eight day clock. Not that Flynn would not fight him as Flynn belongs to that army of crazy prize fighters that have had so much reason knocked out of them. They would fight a Mexican bull with a stocking filled with beans. Then, where would the match draw half as much money as Johnson's guarantee? Jack Johnson has played every trick known on the public and Jim Jeffreys. Let us hope for his sake and the good of the game he is not in earnest about the Flynn fight. Has he signed up with Flynn to boost Flynn's game that Flynn may get a few coal heavers to box on the strength of his being matched to fight Jack Johnson for the championship? A lot of suckers will fall for his bouts to get a line on his ability. Jack will get a nice little royalty for his boosting Flynn's game. Flynn's manager Jack Curly, is a smart man, but when coming down to cold facts, if Jack Johnson really intends or really will fight Flynn he will hurt himself, hurt the game, also hurt the colored fighters that have the center of the stage today, as the public does not like uneven matches. Jack's fight with Stanley Ketchel is still fresh in the public mind. A big man beating up a little man. Then should Jack allow Flynn to stay the limit and make a good showing to bait on other marks, the public would howl "fake." When he knocked Flynn out he would be called a big brute for whipping a little man, and a harmless one at that. So Sam Langford says.

The Bombadier Wells mess should about each Johnson how the public thinks about him meeting marks. Johnson should rest easy with the crown that fits his head well, as Jack's position today, as far as a fight is concerned is like a rudderless ship in the South Sea. No kind of hope in sight, white or black.

BASEBALL IN CUBA.

Who Perfected the Deal to Bar Colored American Players—Did Cuba Fall for That Race Prejudice Gag?

By Juli Jones, Jr.

The Cuban baseball players got one well deserved beating after the smoke cleared away. The black fans of America are asking themselves, did the Cubans double-cross the colored stars of this country or did they fall for that race prejudice gag?

In any case, the managers of the American baseball teams that visited Cuba last season made fall guoys out of the Cuban promoters—defeated, called them Negro. The last of all said they did not have any baseball science.

The Cuban promoters were so anxious to have the best teams in America play on the island that they allowed John McGraw, of the New York Giants, and Frank Bancroft, of the Cincinnati Reds, to dictate their own terms. The Americans went the limit. Every member could bring along wife, mother and father-in-law, at the Cubans' expense. All this is all right. That was up to the promoters. But the last clause in the one-sided contract put the Cubans on the bum. That was that no American colored ball player should be permitted to play on any Cuban team while contesting against the American clubs. The last clause was the fatal blow to Cuba from the baseball way of thinking. This clause barred all of the colored American stars, such as Hill, Booker, Petway, Ball, Pettus and others that made up the teams in 1910—the players that were responsible for the downfall of the world's champion Philadelphia club, the wonderful Detroit club, the Cincinnati Reds. All of the above teams carried regular season players, such as Cobb, Collins, Baker, Crawford, Plank, Bender and Coombs. The defeat of America's foremost teams stung like everything. The American scribes refused to write on the matter, ti cut so deep, and was kept quiet. The first rule that was passed by the world's series commission was that the winner of the championship should not play any exhibition games in this country or any other. The clause was presented by Ban Johnson, the wisest baseball head of all times, as the defeat of Philadelphia and Detroit, the stars of the mighty American league, was still fresh in his mind. He knew that another such performance would surely hurt his league. It was secretly known that they absolutely refused to allow any American League club to play on the island last season. The offer was made to the National League through Frank Bancroft and John McGraw, one of the world's wisest baseball managers. McGraw solved the problem in a very few minutes. McGraw has the highest regard for the American colored ball player, as he once tried to play a colored man on his Baltimore team. He has been known to make public remarks about different colored players when he attended Sunday games in semi-pro. contests, and said he would give anything in the world if Rube Foster was a white man; it was too bad that Walter Ball was colored; that it is a shame that Lord could not show the public what he could do; that if he had Petway no money could buy him; that the world was robbed of seeing a most sensational player on account of Monroe's color.

McGraw had the box score of every game played in Cuba lying in front of him. He could readily see that all of the games were won by the Cubans by the work of the American colored players on the Cuban teams. To defeat the Cuban players the American colored players would have to be barred. To do so he would have to be clever, so he insisted in his contract that the Cuban teams must be made up of native-born sons. This clause shut out the American Negro ball player. The Cuban promoters stood for it, or either their heads got swelled over their last season's success. The result was they got wiped off the earth. Called Negroes as ball players, they knew how to throw and run, but did not know when to do either—no baseball brains. This was John McGraw's remark when he returned to America.

The last remark must carry a lot of weight. The Cubans should now, if they have any real baseball sense, that they were not old enough in the game to collect a team to beat the pick of ball teams in this, the American and National Leagues, who have more ball players to pick from than the whole male population of Cuba. But the Cubans seem to be a race of forgetful people when it comes to the American colored man, whom they should respect above anyone from a baseball standpoint.

The Cuban has given the colored baseball player a direct slap once before. Some time ago—about twenty-five years—a few active hotel employes and professional ball players organized a baseball club at Palm Beach, Fla., to amuse the guests of the hotel. The club was known as the Cuban Giants. The team came North and created quite a splash in the baseball waters. The people of Cuba sent up an awful howl and protested to the Spanish minister at Washington, D. C., to use his best efforts to stop the club from using Cuba's good name to fool the American public.

Unfortunately the Cubans were in bad standing with the Spanish government in old Madrid. It was disconcerting to the Spanish to think that the Cubans had to engage American colored baseball players to teach them the game and to play with them, as no white player of any ability would think about taking the job.

The Cubans are like all foreign peoples, they were quick to recognize race prejudice. But it hoped that their defeat by the American teams will teach them not to go into a big game half prepared. The Cubans above all people of the world should love and respect the American colored man, and remember that it was the gallentry of the American colored soldiers that broke the yoke of Spain from their necks.

ASHEVILLE, N C.

SPECIAL TO THE FREEMAN.

Messrs. M. H. Barton and G. W. Burton gave a stag at their residence, 166 Hill street. The guests were Messrs. E. M. Cary, G. S. Greenlee, E. S. Robinson Jesse Steal, L. W. Watson, White Side, George Greenlee, Tinch Parks, Sheff Brann, George Anthony, A. H. Hill. Music by J. G. Candor and J. S. Staggs....The College Street dye works, owned by Messrs W. E. Feney and J. E. Jones, is pleasing the trade and maintaining a most desirable class of customers, both white and colored.

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POPULATION OF ALABAMA ACCORDING TO COLOR.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A preliminary statement of the white and Negro population of Alabama, by counties and principal cities, as shown by the returns of the Thirteenth Decennial Census, taken as of April 15, 1910, was issued today by Director Durand of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce and Labor. The statistics were prepared under the direction of William C. Hunt, chief statistician for population in the Census Bureau, and are subject to later revision.

The total population of Alabama in 1910 was subdivided as to color as follows: White, 1,228,841; Negro, 908,275; all other persons (Indians, and Chinese, Japanese and other Asiatics), 977. The equivalent figures for 1900 were: White, 1,001,152; Negro, 827,307; all other, 238. For 1890 they were: White, 833,718; Negro, 678,489; all other, 1,194.

The Negro population constituted 42.5 per cent of the total population of the state in 1910, as against 45.2 per cent in 1900 and 44.8 per cent in 1890.

The rate of increase in the Negro population since 1900 was less than half of that for the preceding decade, the increase from 1900 to 1910 being 80,968, or 9.8 per cent, as compared with 148,818, or 21.9 per cent from 1890 to 1900. The white population increased from 1900 to 1910 at a slightly greater rate than for the decade 1890 to 1900. The increase being, respectively, 227,689, or 22.7 per cent, as against 167,434, or 20.8 per cent.

Birmingham city had a population in 1910 of 132,685, comprising 80,369 white, 52,305 Negro and 11 other persons (Chinese and Japanese). The equivalent figures for 1900 were: White, 21,832; Negro, 16,575; all other, 8. For 1890 they were: White, 14,909; Negro, 11,254; all other, 15.

The Negro population of Birmingham constituted 39.4 per cent of the total in 1910, as against 43.1 per cent in 1900, and 43 per cent in 1890. In both the white and Negro population the increase since 1900 has been many times that for the preceding decade, the increase in the whites being 58,537, or 268.1 per cent, as against 6,923, or 46.4 per cent from 1890 to 1900, and that in the Negroes being 35,730, or 215.6 per cent, as compared with 5,321, or 47.3 per cent from 1890 to 1900.

A GREAT PEACE DINNER.

NEW YORK.—The peace dinner given by the Sunday New York World, Thomas McVeigh, Jr., editor of the metropolitan section, presiding, at the famous Hotel Astor, Thursday evening, January 4, was attended by representatives of almost every race on the face of the earth. The speakers at the banquet were Col. W. D'H. Washington, a great, great, great grand nephew of George Washington; Hon. W. Burke Cochran, Police Commissioner Rhinelander Waldo, Count Spaarwart, Prince Palealogue, Dr. J. E. Hoving, Mr. R. Ichinomiya, president of the New York branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank; Nassad Bey, John O'Hara Cosgrave, editor of Collier's Magazine, and formerly editor of Everybody's Magazine, and Hon. Charles W. Anderson, collector of Internal revenue for the Second District of New York City, who represented the Afro-American people.

Among the races represented at this peace dinner were Americans, Armenians, Australians, Arabians, Austrians, Bulgarians, British, Hondurans, Chinese, Cubans, Canadians, Danes, Dutch, English, Egyptians, French, Fins, Greenlanders, Germans, Greeks, Hungarians, Hindoos, Hebrews, Hawaiians, Italians, Japanese, Mexicans, Poles, Swiss, Spaniards, Scandinavians, Swedes, Servians, Turks an dquite a number of others as well.

Among the men present at the dinner in addition to the above, were the Persian consul-general, H. H. Topkyan; the Russian representative in New York City, Hon. Robert Adamson, secretary to Mayor Gaynor; Hon. Frederick R. Coudet, the famous corporation lawyer and a host of others of the highest importance in the life of New York City.

Collector Anderson had one of the special places of honor and his name appears third on the seating list of the peace banquet. The Afro-American people of New York City and of the country have especial reason to feel proud of their representative at this banquet. His address is reported to have been one of the oratorical gems of the evening.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

Bernice Wagoner is on the sick list.

Mr. Brutus Owens is on the sick list this week.

Miss Alice Bramlett is recovering after a spell of illness.

Mr. George L. Knox has been confined to his bed this week.

Mrs. Lulu Jones, of Chicago street, left for an extended trip to Kentucky.

Mrs. Charles Bowers entertained a few friends at her magnificent home Monday evening.

Mrs. Rebecca Brooks, of Chicago, is visiting Mrs. Carrie Parker, 603 West Thirteenth street.

The East End High School girls' Lucerne Club will entertain friends at the K. P. Hall January 25.

Mr. Ernest Yancy was seriously injured in an elevator at Craig's candy store Tuesday afternoon.

The solo rendered at the Epworth League meeting at Barnes Chapel M. E. Church was favorably received.

Miss Luelina Spencer, of the Wilkerson Hotel, who has been in Louisville on a visit to relatives and friends, has returned home.

Mr. Berford Corley is in the city for a short stay. Mr. Corley is now running on the Pioneer Limited between Milwaukee and St. Paul.

Mr. Wallace Waugh has returned from a visit with relatives at Carrollton, Ky. Mr. Waugh had the misfortune of having booth feet frost bitten.

Mr. G. H. Edmunds, of Enterprise, Iowa, international organizer of the United Mine Workers of America, was a Freeman caller this week.

The following persons were reported on the sick list this week: J. C. Glenn, of North West street; Mrs. Irene Franklin, Twelfth and Fayette; Mrs. Florence Marshall, North Senate; Mrs. Emma Hopkins, Fayette street; Mrs. Velma Beasley, Fayette street; Mrs. Cecilia Thompson, Fayette street; Mrs. John Roney, Fayette street; Mrs. Joseph Roney, West Eleventh street.

LINCOLN HOSPITAL LADIES ANXILLARY ELECT OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lincoln Hospital the following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Elizabeth Dixon, president; Mrs. Bertha Reed, first vice-president; Mrs. Clifford, second vice-president; Mrs. T. A. Smythe, financial secretary; Mrs. Jessie Settles, recording secretary; Mrs. Clinton Nunn, treasurer. Advisory board: Mrs. James T. Hill, chairman; Mrs. A. C. Simms and Mrs. Burns Fisher. The board will give a card party at the Dumas Club Monday evening, January 22. The public is invited.

SIMPSON CHAPEL NOTES.

Revival services under direction of Rev. J. H. McCoomer were successfully held at Simpson Chapel the past week. They will close Sunday.

Rev. Riotaro Takemaye, of Japan, will preach at Simpson Chapel Sunday morning. Rev. McCoomer will preach at the evening service.

Union contest between Jones Tabernacle and Simpson Chapel February 14 and 15. A lady queen from each church will be selected. The one receiving the greatest number of votes will receive a handsome prize.

Grand rally at Simpson Chapel February 18.

BETHEL CHURCH NOTES.

Dr. Smythe will preach tomorrow in the morning and evening. Subject in the morning, "Consolation;" in the evening, "Ichabod."

The choir will render suitable music at both services.

Second quarterly meeting will be held Sunday, January 28.

The C. E. Society elected the following officers for the year: Elizabeth Mays,, president; F. B. Ransom, vice-president; Gertrude Barlett, secretary; Minnie Hunter, assistant secretary; Susie Lewis, treasurer; Beulah Beck, pianist; W. Appling, librarian. The following committees were appointed: Lookout, F. B. Ransom, W. Appling, Minnie Hunter, Bessie Bartlett, Bessie Edwards. Prayer meeting, B. F. Lowe, F. B. Ransom, W. W. Stuart, A. G. Clayborn, W. P. Beck. Social, Myrtle Broadie, Beulah Beck, S. Irwin, Eunice Roney, Antoinette Smythe. Music, Beulah Beck, Antoinette Smythe, Eunice Roney, Myrtle Broadie, Selma Beck. Finance, T. A. Smythe, A. G. Clayborn, W. P. Appling. Refreshment, Susie Lewis, Ella Walden, Gertrude Bartlett, Bessie Bartlett, Bessie Edwards. Missionary, Minnie Hunter, Mazie Winslow, Ella Henderson, Lulu Howard, Selma Beck. Pastor ex-officio chairman of all committees.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The committee of management of the Y. M. C. A. considers itself very fortunate in being able to secure Dr. N. G. Leazenby, of Crawfordsville, as the speaker for next Sunday at the monster meeting, which is held in the Walker Theater, 326 Indiana avenue. The location of the theater makes it ideal for holding these meetings, and the men gather in the warm foyer long before the time of opening the doors, and there spend a social half hour together. At 3 o'clock promptly the doors are opened and the men are escorted to their seats by a competent corps of ushers. The program begins immediately, and after the singing and whistling of the men together with the special features and collection the speaker is introduced, and at the close of the address the audience is dismissed. Dr. Leazenby will speak on the "Nobility of Service," and a large crowd is expected to hear him. The Y. M. C. A. brass band will give a musical program. The list of speakers that are coming are of the strongest type that have been before the monster meetings.

On January 28 the Hon. L. K. Babcock will be the speaker, and owing to the many requests ladies will be admitted on that Sunday. On February 4 one of the experts of Men and Religion Forward Movement will be the speaker, and on February 18 the annual Douglass memorial will be held, at which time it is expected Dr. M. C. B. Mason will be the speaker. All men are (urged) invited to these meetings and are urged to be present and help the splendid attendance bespeak the fact that Indianapolis colored citizens are alive to all that is good.

The "I Got One" Club, which was organized last week is making strenuous efforts to increase the membership of the association at this time, and the report of their first week's work showed that they will be successful and the prospects for a large influx of members at this time is very bright. The rates for membership are still $2.00, and when it is considered that with the building campaign over and prospects for a new building, this effort is quite an incentive for the men to take out a membership at this time.

The club will make another report on next Tuesday night and all who desire to become members of the same can do so by meeting the requirements which will be fully explained at the office.

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Jones Tabernacle will celebrate the holy communion Sunday, January 21, at 3 p. m. Revs. Drs. Smythe, Harvey, Tate and Rev. J. L. Thompson will be present and participate in the services. There will be a special address by Rev. Riotaro Talemaye, of Tokio, Japan.

Let us see to it that this service will eclipse any of its predecessors, if the weather is bad.

The members and trustees have just installed a fine furnace in the lecture room and the church is much more comfortable than before; so don't stand back on that account, but come.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

Gloom in Many Homes—Some Cheap Negroes Always Want to Ride Free, but It Doesn't Work With The Freeman Staff.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Business was at a standstill and many persons were scared of the disease now among the people, white and black, rich and poor. It had no respect for persons, and both races are now working to check the meningitis and the results are more gratifying than at any time since its begining. Although many deaths have occurred in every part of the city, many known to readers here and elsewhere of the Freeman, and we know that many good ones have gone from our midst to meet us no more in these worldly councils. The Freeman sympathizes with all who were so unfortunate as to lose some dear friend or relative, sister, brother, father or mother or other kindred, but says to all, "Be Ye Ever Ready." Churches and all the schools are closed, opera houses have cancele ddates, picture shows have no attendance, etc. No crowds, and all events called off in the city, where people were known to assemble in large numbers. The congratulatory banquet to Captain John L. oJnes is postponed indefinitely......Call and see Mrs. Grace Johnson at the Live Oak restaurant and short order house; on Live Oak, near Central. Good things to eat....See Mama and Papa Blackburn, on Central, when hungry....Pay up or your paper will be stopped....A National cash register for sale cheap for the cash. See Mr. James R. Sanders, corner Swiss and Central avenue..Get good cigars and shines at Mr. Lomax's stand, opposite Union depot....Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham, of Chicago, are here visiting the people of Mr. Graham, and for Mrs. Graham's health....Friends are daily congratulating Mr. Arthur McKenzie and Miss Ella Porter, who were quietly married on January 6. They wish them much happiness on the matrimonial sea....Miss Jeffy Delmyer returned to her home at Fort Worth last week, after having spent a month here as the guest of Mrs. H. H. Robinson and Mrs. M. M. Greer....Mr. Billy George, proprietor of the Dreamland bar and cafe, entertained some of his business friends and acquaintances with a jolly good time and it was enjoyed by all who were there. Billy is so very popular with all the people. You who could not be there missed it that time....It's a nervy fat mouth who wants their name put in print every week without any cost to them, and then borrow the paper to read it. and take it off by mistake. We have some of that class of cheap professional Negroes in Dallas London, going from place to place daily, trying to be known as one of the ups. They are too well known to The Freeman staff to get on the list of hasbeens....Mr. Josh Smith, manager of the Auto cafe, is all smiles behind that new Vandyke, and his son making correct change, when the black and tan are out on a job....Mrs. Mathew Norwood is visiting relatives and friends. She is from Denver, Col.....What pleases a customer is to call for anything and the clerk readily tell you "Yes, we have that and we keep everything in the grocery line." Yes, you will find it at H. W. Scott's grocery and meat market.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal church: Services Sunday were well attended. The minister in the morning preached on "Deceitfulness of the Heart." In the afternoon A. M. Chavis, a senior student in the electrical engineering department of the University of Illinois, lectured on electricity. His lecture was the first of the series of special lectures to be given by the Men's Baraca Bible Class....Salem Baptist church: All Sunday services were well attended. In the morning, Rev. Owens, pastor, preached about "Increases of the Church," and in the evening on "The Gateway of the Kingdom."....Mr. Andrew Gatewood departed Sunday for St. Louis, to spend a few days....Mr. Frank Jordan is ill.... Mrs. Stewart, of Danville, was over Monday, January 15, and spent Monday and Tuesday with Misses Myrtle and Inez Moss, 51 North Walnut street..The city ambulance took James Clifford, employed at the Illinois Central railroad round house, where he was taken sick, to his home, at 402 Maple street, Monday morning, January 15.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

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(1006 West Chestnut Street.)

LOUISVILE, Ky., Special.

We have noticed in the local papers during the past week of a crusade against the vulgar dances as indulged in by some of the leaders in society, a similar crusade should be inaugurated in Louisville. There should also be a crusade started against the Chili parlors, three-fourths of which serve intoxicants to children. These facts are well known to some of our leading men, yet no one tries to stop it. There are a large number of persons who will suggest remedies, but all seem afraid to strike a blow. Some time ago we called the attention of our readers to a place on Tenth street. We have mentioned these facts to quite a number of persons; all admit that the place should be closed, but we have found only one man that is willing to start a movement to close this place and run this man out of business.

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In the recent examination for physicians held in this city, two of the colored applicants who were graduates from the Louisville National Medical school, were successful in passing the examination, also one young man who was a graduate from Meharry College in Nashville, Tenn. We understand that the Louisville National Medical school under the new organization is doing excellent work.

Mr. C. B. Clay, the veteran tailor of South Tenth street, has retired from the tailoring business. He will give his entire attention to the Clay-Lewis Hotel enterprise, which proposes to erect a seven-story hotel at the corner of West and Chestnut streets. C. B. Clay, Jr., and Albert Lesueur will conduct the tailoring establishment. These young men are well known and have a host of friends. With the large patronage held by Mr. Clay, they should do well. The establishment is conveniently located.

Prof. H. Jones, grand chancellor of Pythians for the State of Kentucky, was in the city last Sunday to attend a very important meeting which was held at the castle hall on Sixth street.

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Senator Salmon introduced last week in the State legislature a bill asking for an increase of $5,000 for the Kentucky Home Society for Colored Children, 807 South Sixth street.

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In connection with Brown's Public Typewriting shop and school for stenography, there ha sbeen established a typewriter agency, where typewriters may be purchased at a very low rate and on reasonable terms.

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Prof. Delaney, principal of the Colored Blind Institute, remains very ill.

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Dr. Columbus Johnson, proprietor of the Peoples' drug store, received the sad intelligence of the death of his mother-in-law, who died at 3 a. m., Monday morning, in Cleveland, O.

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The weather remains very cold in Louisville, and there is a great deal of suffering among the poor people.

Mr. Vernon L. Biggs, who has been a visitor in the city since the Christmas holidays, has returned to Chicago.

Mrs. A. Dale, of 321 East Green street, is very ill.

Miss Eleanor B. Lee is in the city, the guest of her parents, 1518 West Gray street.

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Miss LizzieF Slaughter, of Chicago, is in the city the guest of her parents, at Twelfth and Chestnut streets.

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Mr. William Clymer, who has been visiting in Chicago, has returned to the city, after a very pleasant stay.

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The pastor and members of the Quinn Chapel church voted last Sunday to extend their sympathy to the pastor and congregation of the Merciful Savious church, which was recently destroyed by fire.

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Jim Flynn, who is scheduled to fight Jack oJhnson July 4th, will open his theatrical engagements in this city at an early date.

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We have information that a number of the leading colored physicians of this city will pourney to Nashville, Tenn., to be present during the week that Dr. Dan Williams will be there.

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Mrs. Minnie Foree, of 315 South Hancock street, entertained a number of her friends at luncheon last week.

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The Young Men's Brotherhood of Quinn Chapel church held a very interesting meeting last week at their church. These meetings are quite interesting and are well attended by the members.

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It was announced in the daily papers this week that a bill would be introduced in the Kentucky State legislature at an early date to prevent tipping hotel waiters.

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It has been announced that in the near future a great debate will take place between the Douglass Debating Club, composed of members of Central and high school, and young men from the State University. We are all looking forward with great interest to this affair.

The following is the program for the Monthly Book Review at the public library, to be held in the auditorium of the library, Friday, January 26, at 4 p. m. "What Shall our Boys do for a living?" by Mr. C. H. Bullock; "Straight Talks on Business," by Mr. Lee L. Brown; "Paris as Seen and Described by Famous Writers," by Mrs. W. J. Yerby; "Mary Cary," by Miss Lydia M. Johnson; A story by Miss Elizabeth Inez Finney.

AT KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

Maud Powell Recital a Success.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Special).—Prof. Saffell, of Shelbyville, was called to the city, on account of the death of his relative, Mr. William Hattoch.

Dr. William M. Jackson, of Lexington, was appointed to the revenue service at the Hermid distillery in this city.

Miss Estella Mitchell, of Louisville, passed through the city en route to Paris, Kentucky.

Mr. John T. Sallie, a merchant, left for Louisville, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of Bagdad, spent a day in the city on business.

Mr. J. L. Mitchell, of Louisville, is in the city.

Mr. William Davis, of Terre Haute, Ind., is in the city.

Mrs. Sadie Dickson arrived in the city, after a pleasant visit in Louisville, for quite a while.

Mrs. Steveson Clay spent a day in the city from Spring Station.

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The citizens are very much grieved over the loss of one of their old citizens. The sudden death of Mrs. Mary Berry, from a hemorrhage, was a shock to her many friends. Mrs. Berry died Saturday, January 13, at 6 o'clock p. m., and the funeral service was held at the First Baptist church Tuesday at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. W. T. Silvey conducted the services. Mrs. Berry had been a member of the church for years, and also the lodge. She leaves four daughters, three sons and a husband and a host of friends. All of the family was highly thought of.

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Mr. William Jackson, of Louisville, stopped over and stayed a day, visiting the new state cauital en route to Lexington, Ky.

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Mr. Sydney Shepard, who died in Louisville, was brought here to be buried, and the funeral service was held at the Green Hill church and the remains were laid in the Green Hill cemetery.

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Mrs. Clara Samuels left for Elkins, W. Va., to live with her son, Mr. Clarence Samuels.

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Mrs. Owen Hattoch and daughter, Miss Christine Searcy, of Lawrenceburg, were in the city the guests of Mrs. Emma Childs.

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Mrs. Sharp Steele, Mary Johnson and Nancy Lee, of Versailles, Ky., were in the city on business.

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Miss Mayme Ackens, of Louisville, has been the guest of Mrs. Clara Dickerson, on WashingFton stret.

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Miss Marie Henry will leave for Indianapolis, Ind., to live, and her many friends regret to see her leave.

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A delightful auto party was enjoyed to Lexington and back by the following: Marie Henry, Mattie Carter and Lillian Elles, Messrs. Butcher, George Childs and James Ellis, the guests of Mr. Thomas Christer.

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Mrs. Herbert Robinson has returned from lemmingburg, Ky., after spending a short visit.

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Miss Sarah Witt has returned from Louisville, and entered the senior class at the Normal Institute.

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This is the first time in a number of years that the Kentucky river here has been frozen over, and a large crowd enjoys the afternoons skating on the river.

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Miss Carrie Johnson will play the leading role in a city talent vaudeville at the Capital theater.

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Mrs. Thomas Twyman will leave for Detroit, Mich., to spend the winter with her mother.

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The Frankfort citizens are looking at any time for Louisville "high chief" Mr. Lee L. Brown, and a special delegation of business men of Louisville to come and visit the little city and see its progress, and find not as much quantity but, ah! so much!! so much!!! quality.

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Misses Sarah Hall and Luestella E, Martin, two popular young ladies in the Capital Social Club, will spend Sunday in Benson.

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Miss Jessie Jackson is expecting to return to Indianapolis in a few months.

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Misses Elnora Hancock, Annie Shepard and Julia Hancock arrived in the city to attend the funeral of their ste-father, Mr. Sydney Shepard.

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Mr. Robert Cowels left for Louisville.

Miss Sadie Parrent has been very sick with the la grippe, but is able to be up.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bush, who were called here on account of the death of their relative, Mrs. Mary B. Buckner, who fell dead on the street, have returned home.

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Mr. R. R. Morgan, of Louisville, will be the guest of Miss Sadie Parrent.

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Master William Page, who was called here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary B. Buckner, has returned to Louisville.

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Miss Mary D. Mays was called to her last reward at a very young age, Sunday, January 14. Miss Mayes died at her residence at 3:30 p. m., at the age of 23. The funeral services were held at the residence on Longlane avenue.

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Mr. Ed. Russell has been very ill for a few weeks, but is improving now.

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Mr. John Marshall, the son of Rev. Charles Marshall, arrived in the city with the rheumatism, but is improving rapidly.

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Rev. Fleming Gray, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Grayson, has returned to his home in Litchfield, Ill. He was accompanied by Mrs. Grayson, who will spend the winter with him. Mrs. Grayson is one of the old pioneer citizens of this city and is highly respected.

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There will appear in this paper each week a brief outline of some of the successful business men of this city.

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Frankfort will be glad to extend a welcome to Mr. Cary B. Lewis on his tour through the South, as he is some of our best material.

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Your correspondent will offer a great contest for the Frankfort people, which will be announced later in this paper. Through this contest you may be the winner. Don't fail to read The Freeman, and see what the contest will be.

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Collins & Freeman minstrels are having great success under the management of Mr. Lucien Taylor. Mr. Taylor is one of those hustling vaudeville managers, who looks before he leaps, which is a sure way of making a success out of business.

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We will be glad to meet any of the leaders of our race, as usual, during the legislature, and will be glad to assist them to get any bill through the general assembly that is in the interest of our people.

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A special meeting of all the Kentucky correspondents will be called for the purpose of perfecting an association, for the purpose of bringing the correspondents closer together. This will be a great advantage to all the syndicates who are interested along the same line, as the State Teachers' Association and other organizations.

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There will be given in this city an all-star recital. This engagement will be filled by the best artists of the country. This is one of the best means that the people of this city have to all come together and have the finest artists of the country to come here and appear before the legislature, for the purpose of showing these representatives that all colored people are not adapted to plantation shows and comedies only. I hope you will not misunderstand me, because I do not mean to undervalue these plantation shows and musical comedies, but I think at this opportunity we should bring one of each to the city while we can get the co-operation of the general assembly.

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The appearance of Maud Powell, at the Capital theater, one of the greatest women violinists on the American stage, was a great inspiration to mould a sentiment in the people for classical music. The execution of Maud Powell was excellent. The bow seemed to glide along as smooth, calm and steady as the mighty waves of the ocean. Her notes were so perfect that she could make you feel just as she wanted you to. The people of this city extend a glad welcome to her as an invitation, and that the doors are always open to this talented musician.

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Dr. E. E. Underwood, one of the most prominent physicians in the state and a leading politician, who was elected as a delegate-at-large to Chicago at the national Republican convention, state chairman of the O'Rear campaign, editor of the Blue Grass Bugle, trustee of the Normal Institute, and who was presented a diamond ring for his twentieth anniversary by the citizens. Dr. Underwood has held some high offices both in the church and lodges. Dr. Underwood delivered an impressive address before the students of the Normal Institute Sunday afternoon, January 7, in Hume hall. Dr. Underwood discussed all phases of his theme, "Practical Education."

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JOHNNY BOONE, THE SLAYER OF HEADWAITER GREEN, DISMISSED.

(By L. S. Jefferson.)

Special to The Freeman.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Crimp is here with us good and proper. It has been below zero for two weeks, and there is not any hope of a let-up. The same old story going its rounds by the people who never think of winter only when it is on them, so that they cannot do anything. "Next winter won't catch me like this." ....Johnny Boone, who killed Mr. Green, headwaiter at the K. C. A. Club, was discharged by the jury as justifiable homicide. In the issue of December 30 a brother writer spoke of the killing and spoke of MFr. Boone as being of a low character. It was proven that his past reputation was as good as anybody needs. We hope in the future brother writers will tell only the truth. Justice to every one at all times, brother....W. A. Hendricks spent the holidays with his mother in Cincinnati, O. It was the first time he had seen her in seventeen years.... The boys at No. 11 fire station are still making records for themselves. They and that dog mascot are hard to beat. It won't be long before they will be known around the world....A. B. Saulbury is the village blacksmith to the boys, only they do not stand and look at the sparks fly from his anvil. They gather around his door and try to tell the largest—oh, you know what. Mr. Saulbury is the best colored blacksmith and horseshoer in Jackson county. The blue ribbon is on his wall for the best case of shoes shown at Jackson county fairs. He is a jolly fellow. When in town stop and chat with him....J. A. Jones' barber shop and pool room were finished January 1, and it is a treat to look at a place so fine. It is the most complete pool room in the West. He has four chairs in his shop and all the barbers are busy. He has seven pool tables and billiard table, with registry system from every table. Latest cue rack and everything strictly up to date. Mr. Jones took the writer through and explained everything, and I have to say that he is a man that looks to the future. He has given to Kansas City boys a pool room that will make a lot of our white brothers grit their teeth.... J. A. Smith, the popular drug clerk at the People's drug store, spent the holidays at his home....Dr. T. C. Withfrank has moved his office across the street to his home, from 1100 Indiana avenue to 1112 Indiana, making a very convenient office out of his parlor....Stop buying your reeman at the white paper stands, and let Jefferson bring it to your door every Saturday. Delivered sure when I get them. Drop a card to 4314 Harrison..... Mr. Fred Douglass will manage a buffet to be known as the Zanzibar, at Walter Fishers, deceased, old place; Mr. Clarence Jenkins and James Flanner mixologists. ....Rob Ross is working at the southwest corner of Eighteenth and Vine streets, jolly as ever, and a constant reader of The Freeman.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Owl Club gave a nice dinner Sunday, January 14, and all had a nice time, passing jokes at Mr. John Tyler's residence, Lower Fifth street....Mr. George Roberts, formerly of Danville, but now of Logansport, is rooming at Mrs. Jones' flat, and had a small fire take place Saturday night, January 13, in the room next to him, but he landed safe, all right.... While sitting near a stove, warming himself at Joe Culp's barber shop, on West Market street, Saturday night, Uncle Jacob Basket, said to be the oldest colored man in Indiana, suddenly became unconscious and fell heavily to the floor. Dr. Johnson was called and he was removed to his home, 504 West North street. Te was almost frozen from the cold. He stepped into the barber shop to warm himself and the sudden change in the temperature affected him and he fell unconscious. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, the only living relatives, grandchildren, living in Middletown, O., were notified and came immediately, arriving about four o'clock Sunday morning, and are caring for the old man....Uncle Joseph Carter, an old and respected citizen, died suddenly on January 6. The burial was from his son's residence on January 9......Joseph Malone is gripping. We hope not serious.. ..James Carter is confined to his bed and is very ill....Mrs. Helen Carter is visiting friends in Chicago....Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Hodge, a boy.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

(By A. C. Oglesby.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

This has been the coldest winter the people of Kansas City have been called upon to endure for many years. The thermometer has hovered aroung the goose egg like a tramp around a bonfire, and has gone as far below that dreaded egg as 20 degrees. There has been quite a lot of suffering among the poor, mostly white, and the charitably inclined people have responded in a way that has met the needs of all. I can say for the theater going public that they will be pleased to hear that the most talked of man in the world today, namely Jack Johnson, has been prevailed upon after three years' pleading, to come to Kansas City., and Joe Donegan, the manager of the Century theater, tried his best to persuade Mr. Johnson not to bring his $25,000 machine and do no speeding on the boulevard. But he informed him that it was not possible for him to accept the engagement and leave his car behind, so finally Mr. Donegan agreed to let him have his way. So he came back to Kansas City with a smile as famous as the Johnson smile, and told the waiting public of his success. Mr. Johnson smiled too, but he had been promised $1,600 per weeks for ten weeks for his smile. He will be in Kansas City at the above named theater, February 25th, all the week. Jim Flynn, the big fellow who is to meet Jack in July, will follow the "Big Smoke," but he will not get a thousand a week for his part....The Ozark Club, at 1022 Wyandotte street, is getting to be the headquarters for the waiters of Kansas City. Mr. W. H. Ashcraft, the president, is a very intelligent man and is a constant reader of The Freeman. He says that The Freeman is a paper that should be in the home of every Negro. He proves his statement by buying two copies of The Freeman every week for his place.....Mr. E. B. Walden is now one of the headwaiters at tre Baltimore, under Mr. McKnight. Mr. Walden has had lots of experience, having worked at the leading hotels here and also at the New Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City.

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MUNCIE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Minnie Kelly, of this city, left her home Monday at 2 p. m., for Montpelier, Ind., where she will engage in the business o fhair dressing and manicuring ....Quarterly meeting was held Sunday, January 14, at the A. M. E. church. Presiding Elder, Rev. Shaffer....The continuation of the revival is not yet limited. There will be meetings all this week. Rev. Ward, D. D., of Indianapolis, will help out in the revival at Calvary Baptist church......There have been four deaths in the city of Muncie: Mrs. Finley Boyceton, Mrs. Owens, of Whitely, Mrs. Frye, who lives in Jackson street, and Mr. Al Culfer, all of whom died this month....It is not a pleasant thing to be working in a sewer on a cold, cold day and have your hands frozen besides. Mr. Joe Wilson's hands were frozen. He is now home in bed, very sick....The revival services at Calvary Baptist church will continue indefinitely. The pastor, Rev. L. R. Mitchell, preached a wonderfully strong and impressive sermon Sunday night on "The Drama of Life," his text being found in the fifteenth chapter of Luke, concerning the prodigal son. The attendance was very large..A large number of the musically inclined and perhaps musically curious people of our town had the pleasure of witnessing that glorious production of Verdi's "Il Trovatore," Saturday night.

DURAND, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Georgia Camp Meeting Company is doing fine and everybody is happy. Louise Le Vine, the dancFing doll, is making a hit with her singing and dancing, and her rendition of "Billy," and "O, You Beautiful Doll." Happy Bill Briggs is still keeping up his reputation as the rubber faced man, and is taking four or five encores every night. Minstrel Mitchell, the unbleached American No. 2, in his darkey stump speech plain plantation talk, keeps his audience laughing every minute. Louise Le Vine would like to hear from Gertrude Holden, of the Hottest Coon in Dixie company. Write as per route or Durand, Mich., lock box 488, until ebruary 1.

BALTIMORE, MD.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

"My Friend From Dixie" at the Holiday Street theater, week of the 14th.... Mrs. Pete Williams, of 613 Cornell street, has been right sick in bed, but is improving.....Mrs. George Briscoe, of 414 Myrtle avenue, had a dangerous attack of acute indigestion, but is improving.... Mr. Samuel Boots, of 160 West Hamburg, was greatly pleased with the Christmas number.

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